

REC-15 94-1-17998-1401 February 24, 1959

PERSONAL

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Mr. William G. McKinley
44 Kensington Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McKinley:

Your speech at the Congressional Hotel on February 18 before the New Jersey Congressional delegation has been brought to my attention.

I want you to know how much I appreciate the kind remarks you made about me and this Bureau. Certainly, your efforts will do much to bring before the public the true facts of the scurrilous smear campaign against the FBI.

Please do not hesitate to call on my associates or me whenever we can be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no derogatory information on McKinley. Address per Hanning's office.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Edmund G. Lyons
2 Friar Lane
Clifton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lyons:

Mr. Lee R. Pennington has brought to my attention the speech you helped Mr. McKinley prepare for his presentation on February 18 before the New Jersey Congressional delegation.

I particularly appreciate the comments you inserted which spoke out strongly in behalf of this organization and deplored the unjustified attacks upon it. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement.

Whenever we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call upon my associates, or me.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Your thoughtful letter to Inspector DeLoach of February 18, 1959, with enclosure, has been brought to my attention.

I think your suggestion is well-taken, and I am enclosing for your information one copy each of letters I have written to Messrs. McKinley and Lyons.

Sincerely,

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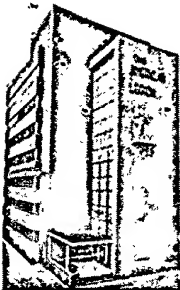
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February 18, 1959

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Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Deke:

I attended a breakfast at the Congressional Hotel this morning given by the Department of New Jersey to their Congressional delegation.

As you can see from the enclosed, the speech was given by Bill McKinley but that part relating to the Bureau was written by Ed Lyons. I do not think that it would be amiss to write both of them a brief THANK YOU note under the boss' signature.

Both Senators were present and all but two of the Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

Lee

LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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STATEMENT OF
WILLIAM G. MCKINLEY, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
TO
THE NEW JERSEY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1959
WASHINGTON, D. C.

As the 86th Congress begins its work it is interesting to note (as of February 1st) that over 4000 bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives and over 1000 bills in the Senate. A great many of these bills propose legislation concerning veterans affairs, and cover about every conceivable subject matter within the meaning of the term. No attempt at this time will be made to analyze such legislative proposals in detail. Rather, we will discuss in generalities certain subjects and deal with specifics at a later time.

The 1960 Budget submitted to the Congress for the Veterans Administration is substantially less than that of 1959. It is very considerably less than the requests of the Veterans Administration. It is not possible to give much analysis to the budget at this time. A principal reduction is recommended in capital construction projects which will defer several needed projects. The effect, however, is to reduce the total bed capacity of Veteran Administration facilities.

To what extent this will affect the current daily patient load is difficult to appraise, but it is certain to present problems in the future as waiting lists increase. Both hospitals in New Jersey have large waiting lists; East Orange in particular, now has something over 300 waiting admission.

There is a reduced amount provided for compensation and pensions. These categories, however, are statutory requirements and must be met. Underestimates in this area are provided for by supplemental appropriations.

The remaining reduction in funds requested is taken from the various administrative items of the budget. This includes General Operating Expense, Medical Administrations and Miscellaneous Expense, Hospital Care and Out-Patient Care. This latter item covers clinical and home town medical care for service-connected disabilities. It could affect patients in the Trenton area, where the local V. A. Clinic was closed recently on the assurance that most cases would be handled on a home town doctor basis.

It is known that the Veterans Administration is moving rapidly to automate of its accounting procedures and to data processing of much of its statistical requirements. There will result from such a change savings in clerical forces. How much of such savings is anticipated in the 1960 budget is not available to us at this time. But we must warn again of the arbitrary cutting of payroll affecting technical and professional employees.

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Such reduction in forces must be done with care for once such trained and experienced employees are separated from the service they are probably lost for good since the demand for these people in private employment is great and the pay rate much higher than the Federal Government scale.

Probably one of the most important items in which we have interest is consideration of S. Res. 19 by Senator Morse and others. The resolution would establish a Veterans Committee in the Senate. We have sought such a committee since early days and we believe it of increasing importance now. Such a committee in the Senate working in coordination with the similar committee in the House would do much to expedite action upon important legislation. Too many House Bills die in the Senate because they are lost in committees whose major interest is in other fields.

We strongly recommend early and favorable consideration of H R 2874 by Mr. Haley of Florida. This bill has a number of very important provisions:

1. Increases the income ceilings for both disability and death pension consideration;
2. Authorizes and recognizes waivers of private and public retirements annuities to meet income limitations.

This bill should be of interest to most of this Congressional Delegation since we know that a number of elder veterans relying on pension have been in communication with members of this delegation on this subject.

The increase in the income ceilings would offset the recent increase in Social Security payments that was, in many instances, just enough to cause many veterans to exceed the current limitation and thereby lose their pensions. Such loss of pension for the older veteran is a real hardship. We do not need to elaborate for we are certain that most of you have knowledge of the condition.

Granting the right to waive certain portions of private or public retirement pay in order to qualify for pension is merely a move to equalize the privilege among all eligible veterans. At present such waiver is authorized and recognized by the Veterans Administration for federal employees and beneficiaries under the Railroad Retirement laws. This bill would extend the privilege to State, County and Municipal employees and to certain retirees of private employers.

~~As the overall war situation has been under consideration,~~ propaganda again develops concerning medical care and pension treatment for veterans having non-service connected conditions. There are critics of the budget who advocate withdrawing such benefits. These critics obviously do not know what a non-service connected case really is nor the compelling humanitarian reasons for such benefits.

These critics stress the fact that the qualifying physical or economic condition is

"in no wise connected with military service" and thereby and thereafter either openly allege or subtly imply that veterans obtaining such benefits are "chiselers."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

As we have pointed out before, non-service connected cases have many ramifications and very often are inextricably commingled with service connected disabilities. Income limitations effectively preclude any wholesale exploitations of pension benefits and the Veterans Administration has taken positive steps to check statements of inability to pay for hospital care. Violations of law are being prosecuted by Federal Attorneys.

We would be most happy to discuss this question in detail with any member of the Congressional Delegation who is not familiar with the subject.

We have been assured that certain bills intending to equalize the benefits due World War II and Korean Action widows on the same basis as World War I widows will be introduced in the Congress. We favor such equalizations.

We also favor granting to the Administrator of Veteran Affairs power to regulate interest rates on Loan Guarantee Mortgages in the same manner as authorized for F.H.A. loans.

In other areas of interest we are strongly in support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and particularly the head thereof, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. We deplore the unjustified attacks upon Mr. Hoover and the Agency.

We also emphatically support the Un-American Activities Committee of the House and urge its continuance as a most effective agency of the Congress. We believe that attacks upon this committee and moves to dissolve it are mainly inspired by persons of small mind or those having fear of exposure of questionable acts affecting their loyalty to this Republic. The powers of this committee need to be strengthened and not weakened.

We continue our well-established support of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and the principles therein contained. This legislation is the product of very extensive research and sound experience. There may be certain features of the act that are or should be of flexible application, but there are other strong provisions designed and intended to protect this Country and its institutions as well as the stability of its society. These provisions not only should be retained in the law, but should be strengthened as experience dictates.

We favor extension of the Selective Service Act for an additional four years. We believe however that the provisions of the law should be carefully reviewed in the light of experience and requirements. There appear to be inequities and restrictions that need to be corrected.

We urge the serious and continued study of the requirements of National Security. We cannot afford to err in providing for adequate National Defense. We believe, therefore,

in positive programs in the development of missile weapons and their early availability in actual defense establishments. We urge the continuation and improvement of research projects related to military requirements and in such programs of education and development as will provide the technical and engineering skills needed to maintain our defense organizations.

We also favor continued and improved programs of research in the newer technical field of Outer Space as essential to the welfare of our Country.

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March 5, 1959

Mr. William F. Hauck
Director, Washington Office
The American Legion - NATIONAL
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hauck:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write on March 2, 1959, concerning the recent tour of FBI Headquarters by the members of your staff. I am indeed sorry that I was not in Washington at the time of the tours as I would have enjoyed meeting them. I know that Inspector DeLoach and my other associates you mentioned appreciate your kind remarks as much as I do.

It is always a pleasure to be of service to our friends in The American Legion and you should feel free to call on us at any time.

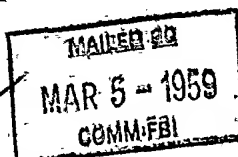
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Mr. Moore - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Hanning - Enclosure
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- 1 - Inspector DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Inspector Holloman - Enclosure
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NOTE: Prior arrangements for the tours of FBI Headquarters by the staff of the local American Legion Office are set forth in memoranda from M. A. Jones to Mr. Nease dated January 22 and from C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated February 18, 1959, and entitled "The American Legion, Special Tour of Bureau Facilities." D. G. Hanning EOD 1-6-47, currently grade GS 14; C. E. Moore EOD 5-14-51, currently grade GS 13; [REDACTED] EOD 2-19-51, currently grade GS 13. Above SA's assigned Crime Records Division.

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Memorandum to: Deke DeLoach

DATE Mar. 2, 1959

Copies for you, Don and whoever else you would like.

We sure appreciated this, Deke. Thanks so much.

Bill Bill

WILLIAM F. TAUCK

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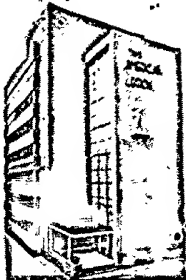
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1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
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March 2, 1959

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Sts., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have had so many glowing reports from the members of our staff who took the tour of your headquarters last Wednesday and Thursday! Without exception, they all said it was most interesting (fascinating was the word used by many), and they all asked specifically to tell you how much they appreciated the personal courtesies extended to them by Agents Donald Hanning, Charles Moore and [redacted] who acted as guides. Their only regret that you were called out of town those days and they missed the pleasure of meeting you, but Inspector Frank Holloman was most hospitable and very kindly showed them your personal offices, which impressed them deeply.

I want to add my personal thanks, too, to "Deke" DeLoach for setting up these personalized tours. As always, he was so thoughtful.

In sincere appreciation for your personal interest and kindness, and with warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W^m J. Hawker
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WILLIAM F. HAWKER
Director, Washington Office

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HONORABLE PRESTON J. MOORE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
700 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET
INDIANAPOLIS 4, INDIANA

MAY I EXTEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION
ON ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY. DURING THESE FOUR CRITICAL
DECADES THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS RENDERED MANY MAGNIFICENT
SERVICES TO THE NATION. THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LEGION
HAVE STOOD STEADFASTLY IN DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY AGAINST
ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND INTERNAL. THEY HAVE FOUGHT THE
CHALLENGE OF FASCISM AND NAZISM. TODAY THEY STAND IN THE
FRONT RANK AGAINST THE INROADS OF ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM WHICH
SEEKS TO UNDERMINE OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THE LOYALTY
AND PATRIOTISM OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HAVE GIVEN ENCOURAGE-
MENT AND HOPE TO COUNTLESS AMERICAN CITIZENS. IN ADDITION,
THE NATION OWES A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE AMERICAN
LEGION FOR ITS SUSTAINED AND CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN OUR

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 3-13-59 captioned "The American Legion" DGH:mlw

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HONORABLE PRESTON J. MOORE

YOUNG PEOPLE. THE MANY YOUTH-SERVING PROJECTS OF LEGION POSTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE AIDED LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS TO BECOME BETTER CITIZENS. THESE PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS HAVE HELPED REPEL CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. WE IN THE FBI ARE PROUD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND APPRECIATE THE WONDERFUL SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN OUR AGENTS OVER THE YEARS. YOU HAVE EVERY BEST WISH OF THE FBI AND ALL ITS EMPLOYEES FOR EVEN GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*

DATE: March 13, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ*SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

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On Sunday, March 15, 1959, The American Legion celebrates its 40th anniversary. The celebration will continue over the whole week of March 15 - 21 and numerous departments and posts are having banquets, dinners, dances, etc., to celebrate this anniversary.

In view of our very cordial relations with The American Legion and their staunch defense of the Bureau during the current smear campaign, it is believed the Bureau should take cognizance of this anniversary through contact with Preston J. Moore, the National Commander.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached telegram dated 3-15-59, the actual date of the anniversary, be approved and held for sending on that date.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3/11/59

FROM : Q. Tamm

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS

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Pursuant to Director's instructions there are submitted herewith additional items of possible news value.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to Crime Records Division for whatever use may be made of the enclosed material.

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1. May 1 of each year has been designated by the President as "Law Day" as a result of a successful campaign waged by the American Bar Association. The purpose seems to be to use this annual event to counter the revolutionary May Day celebration of Russia and the countries in her orbit. The countering is done by emphasizing the Rule of Law and the superior governmental system; in other words, that we have government of law and not of men.

It is suggested that the Bureau go along with this laudable objective through the Director's introduction to the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. In other words, it is suggested that the May 1 introduction to the Law Enforcement Bulletin each year be written to emphasize the Rule of Law with specific reference to law enforcement.

2. National Security Committee, American Legion, visited Quantico 1/28/59. Inspector C. D. DeLoach, Vice National Commander, American Legion, accompanied the National Security Committee to Quantico on January 28, 1959, where they were briefed on the operation of the FBI Academy and Ranges and toured our facilities at Quantico. 34 members were present and many favorable comments were received from them regarding their visit.

3. Post card folders, FBI Academy and Ranges, Quantico, Virginia

On January 26, 1959, first delivery was made on an order for 25,000 post card folders depicting in color scenes the FBI Academy and ranges, Quantico, Virginia. This purchase was financed by the FBI Recreation Association and provides an excellent memento for Agents and members of the National Academy receiving training at Quantico. Outlets for the sale of these post card folders are provided at the Academy, U. S. Marine Corps Post Exchange, Quantico, Virginia, Bureau library at the Seat of Government and on orders from the various field divisions. The reaction to these folders is excellent.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 5, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
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SUBJECT: Joint meeting World War One Veterans Organization
 Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 March 9, 1959

Once a year the captioned groups get together for a joint meeting in Indianapolis. The meeting this year is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 1959. The National Commander of The American Legion was invited to address the joint group this year. He has found it necessary to be in Miami, Florida, that day and states he would appreciate it very much if Mr. Hoover would allow me to make the speech in question. After checking with you, I told Commander Moore that I would handle this assignment.

If there are no objections, I plan to leave Washington at 8 a. m., March 9, 1959, via TWA Airlines, arriving in Indianapolis 9:25 a. m. I will leave Indianapolis 3:02 p. m. that afternoon, arriving Washington 7:33 p. m. and will come to the office.

The Legion will pay all expenses, I will not use the Legion Commander's prepared speech but will use a speech which you and the Director previously approved.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 17, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ~~AWARD CEREMONIES~~
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY
JUNE 1, 1959, 3:30 P.M.

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The National Commander of The American Legion, Preston J. Moore, called 3-16-59, and stated that The American Legion would give an annual award to Cadet Jack M. Warren at the U. S. Military Academy on June 1, 1959, at 3:30 p.m. The Legion customarily gives this award to the Cadet who has performed the most outstanding service from the standpoint of scholastic, athletic ability and other matters that are taken into consideration. The affair will be highly dignified and the Cadet Corps will be present.

Commander Moore stated it would be impossible for him to be at West Point on the date mentioned and requested that I handle this assignment for him if the Director would approve. I told him I would check and would let him know.

If there are no objections, I will handle this assignment on June 1, 1959, at West Point.

1 - Mr. Jones

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April 16, 1959

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Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Twiss
327 Gorham Street
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Monsignor:

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It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity of seeing you yesterday, and I very much enjoyed our conversation.

I thought you might like to have the attached photograph as a memento of the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

E. DeLoach

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NOTE: Monsignor Twiss is National Chairman of the American Legion.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 4-15-59

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MONSIGNOR JOHN J. TWISS
 National Chaplain, American Legion
Pastor, St. Peter's Parish
Lowell, Massachusetts *o.e.*

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Monsignor Twiss is here in Washington for approximately two days handling matters of an official nature at the American Legion Headquarters, 1608 K Street, Northwest. He is taking a tour of FBI Headquarters at 9:15 A. M. this morning. Monsignor Twiss is very close to Cardinal Cushing and has worked with him for many years. There is no derogatory information in Bufiles regarding Father Twiss.

While out at my house last night Monsignor Twiss expressed the wish that some day he would be privileged to shake hands briefly with the Director. He stated he had heard so much about the Director from Cardinal Cushing that it would indeed be an ambition realized if he could meet the Director.

If there are no objections, it is suggested that the Director briefly shake hands with Monsignor Twiss at any time convenient to the Director this morning.

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1 - Mr. Jones
 1 - Mr. Holloman

*I can see him at 10.10 a.m.
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DeLoach advised

*Ltd to Monsignor Twiss
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 15, 1959

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION SPRING MEETING- National

The National Commander of The American Legion has called the National Executive Committee for its regular spring meeting to be held at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 29, 30 and May 1. I have, of course, as a National Vice Commander, been summoned to attend this meeting and in that capacity will be expected to preside at one of the formal sessions. If you approve, I will plan to leave Washington the night of Tuesday, April 28, after work, and I will return to the city the morning of Saturday, May 2. The only definite commitment I have which would interfere with the above schedule is a speech before the Carabao Club which I think can be very well handled by Mr. Kemper of my office.

As you know, in the past I have always worked with the Americanism Commission at these meetings in a liaison capacity. However, my membership on the National Executive Committee as a National Vice Commander will not allow me to handle this detail. As you also know, SA Hanning of this Division has assisted me for a number of years in American Legion matters and has always sat in with the Americanism Commission as a consultant. I have received a letter from Jimmy Daniels, Chairman of the Americanism Commission, requesting Hanning's attendance at the meetings of this Commission. The Americanism Commission meetings are scheduled for April 27, 28 and 29. I think it would be well worthwhile for Hanning to attend these meetings as he has done in the past.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted for myself and SA Hanning to attend the meetings indicated above in Indianapolis, and also for the speech before the Carabao Club to be handled by Mr. Kemper.

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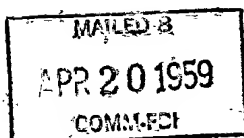
April 20, 1959

Mr. James V. Day
Director of Public Relations
The American Legion
1603 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Day:

It was thoughtful of you to write me on April 14, 1959, and your generous comments concerning Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach are most encouraging. I know you are well aware of his capabilities and accomplishments, and, of course, his promotion was richly deserved. Men of his caliber have contributed immeasurably to the success which our organization has achieved, and I consider myself fortunate indeed to have him as one of my immediate assistants.

I am bringing your kind note to Mr. DeLoach's attention, and I know he will be deeply appreciative of your warm sentiments.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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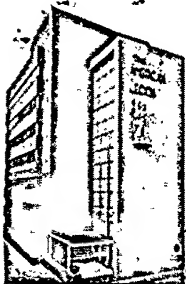
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April 14, 1959

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The announcement of the promotion of C. D. DeLoach to the office of an Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was good news to his host of friends in The American Legion all over the country.

The added responsibilities which his new office entails will, I am certain, provide a broader base for Mr. DeLoach to demonstrate both his abilities and qualities of leadership.

Certainly it must be gratifying to you as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to know of the loyalty and respect which your staff members have for you. Deke DeLoach, I think, exemplifies these traits.

Respectfully yours,

James V. Day
JAMES V. DAY
National Director

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Mr. Ray A. Griffin
Chairman
Child Welfare Committee
The American Legion
Department of Nebraska
Post Office Box 297
Ogallala, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Griffin:

It was thoughtful of you to write on May 22, 1959. I know that Mr. Auerbach will share my pleasure in your favorable comments concerning his address before The American Legion Child Welfare Conference in Rockford, Illinois, last January.

With respect to your request for a representative of the FBI to address your group on July 18, 1959, in Lincoln, Nebraska, we will be happy to furnish a speaker. I am requesting Mr. Joseph E. Thornton, Special Agent in Charge of our Omaha Office, to designate someone to fill this engagement. You should feel free to contact him directly at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska, concerning any necessary final arrangements.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Omaha - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC: You should make every effort to have this speaking engagement fulfilled on July 18, 1959, provided the work load of your office permits.

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mr. Griffin, and the Director has previously declined an invitation to address the State Convention as a group on July 17, 1959. Speech record shows that Special Agent Auerbach spoke in Rockford, Illinois, during January, 1959, addressing the Mid-Western representatives at the American Legion Regional Child Welfare Conferences.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Ogallala, Nebraska

May 22, 1959

OFFICE OF THE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While attending an ⁶ NATIONAL American Legion Child Welfare Conference in Rockford, Illinois in January of this year I heard one of your agents Mr. R. D. Anderback speak on the subject Obscene Literature and Pornographic Materials. The Nebraska delegation at this meeting were so impressed by Mr. Anderback that we decided we would like a similar talk at our annual Department Convention.

This, then, is to request a speaker from the Bureau of Investigation for Saturday July 18, 1959 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The particular session will be what is known as the annual Child Welfare Breakfast. This is a joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary although most of the attendance will be from the Auxiliary. The time for this breakfast will be 7:30 A.M.

Please advise me as to whether or not we can count on having someone from your Bureau and, if so, who it will be so I can furnish him with more details.

Yours truly,

Ray A. Griffin
Ray A. Griffin, Chairman
Child Welfare Committee
The American Legion,
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Box 297
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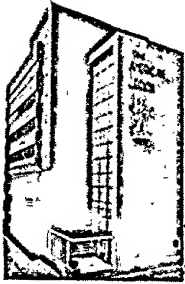
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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

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June 19, 1959

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and you know,
of course, how much I enjoyed being with you in Charleston.

May I again compliment you on an excellent speech.

With continued good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

James V. Day
JAMES V. DAY, National Director
Public Relations Division

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Mr. Martin B. McKneally
32 Montgomery Street
Newburgh, New York D.C.

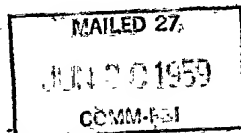
Dear Mr. McKneally:

I was pleased to have the opportunity of meeting you in my office yesterday, and there is enclosed a copy of the photograph taken on the occasion which I have autographed to you.

It is my hope that your future endeavors with The American Legion will be most successful.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 6-30-59 captioned "Martin B. McKneally, Next National Commander of The American Legion." JTM:mbb

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: June 30, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones *M. A. Jones*SUBJECT: MARTIN B. MC KNEALLY
NEXT NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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There is attached a photograph taken in the Director's Office yesterday at the time when Mr. McKneally was introduced to the Director by Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach.

There is also a letter attached to Mr. McKneally, and it is felt that the Director might like to autograph this photograph to Mr. McKneally and send it along with the attached letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 23, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: MARTIN B. MCKNEALLY
ATTORNEY - NEW YORK CITY
NEXT NATIONAL COMMANDER - THE AMERICAN-LEGION-

NATIONAL

0 Captioned individual will be the next National Commander of The American Legion. He is extremely cooperative, intelligent and has on numerous occasions been very commendatory of the FBI and the Director. McKneally will be in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, 6/29-30/59. He has requested the opportunity of shaking hands with the Director while in town.

McKneally, along with this year's Commander, Preston Moore, is a very popular man in The American Legion and will no doubt make an excellent leader. He is very friendly with the family of Mr. Joseph Kennedy, who is well known to you and the Director.

There is no derogatory information in Bureau files regarding Mr. McKneally.

ACTION:

It is suggested that the Director briefly shake hands with McKneally in the event his schedule permits on either Monday or Tuesday, 6/29-30/59.

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July 6, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT

On June 29, 1959, Mr. Martin B. McKneally of Newburgh, New York, who will be the next National Commander of the American Legion, called to see me. He was accompanied by Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach.

Mr. McKneally seems to be a very forthright type of man, and I believe he will be an excellent Commander of the American Legion. I expressed to him my appreciation for the cooperation which the Legion has been to the FBI over the years and assured him that at any time during his administration that we could be of service to him, he had but to communicate with Mr. DeLoach or myself.

Mr. McKneally advised me that a few days before seeing me, he had a visit in New York with [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] had expressed gratification that Mr. McKneally was to head the American Legion, as he, [redacted] was glad to see someone with common sense taking over that office. He stated [redacted] then went on to state that the Americans must get to know the Russians better, and he endeavored to induce Mr. McKneally and a number of his associates in the American Legion to make a visit to Moscow and meet Khrushchey, whom [redacted] praised quite highly. Mr. McKneally informed [redacted] he had no intention of going to Moscow and meeting Khrushchey because he could not conscientiously shake hands with a man who at the same time was having our planes shot down by the Soviet forces, as recently occurred in an area between Turkey and Russia.

I told Mr. McKneally I was not surprised at the "pitch" [redacted] had made to him because [redacted] had been outstanding in endeavoring to curry the favor of Mikoyan when he was over here recently and was playing a very large part in the efforts to soften up the American public toward so-called "peaceful coexistence" with Russia.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach *P*

DATE: June 26, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ/WRT*

SUBJECT: *MC*
 MARTIN B. MC KNEALLY
 NEWBURGH, NEW YORK
 APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE DIRECTOR
 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1959

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In your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated 6-23-59 you pointed out that the captioned individual will be the next National Commander of The American Legion and that he has been extremely cooperative and on numerous occasions has been very commendatory of the FBI and the Director. He will be in town Monday and Tuesday, 6/29-30/59, has requested the opportunity of shaking hands with the Director and the Director has already indicated he will see him at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 1959.

You pointed out that McKneally, along with this year's Commander, Preston Moore, is a very popular man in The American Legion and will undoubtedly make an excellent leader. He is very friendly with the family of Mr. Joseph Kennedy who is well known to Mr. Tolson and the Director.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

There is no pertinent information in Bufiles concerning McKneally. McKneally is in his early 40's and resides with his widowed mother in Newburgh, New York, where he also practices law. He has come up through the ranks in The American Legion, has been a Post Commander and was Commander of the Department of New York (state) in 1956-1957. McKneally is a devout Catholic, is very anticommunist and an outstanding job when he held the position of Chairman of the Americanism Commission of the Department of New York. *aw*

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RECOMMENDATION: None. The Director has already indicated he will see McKneally on the above-captioned time and date.

- 1 - Mr. Holloman
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Tour Room
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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FROM: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. EX. 3-4811

BIOGRAPHY
OF
MARTIN B. MCKNEALLY

Attorney Martin B. McKneally, 44 years old, was born in the picturesque and historical city of Newburgh, New York, on the shores of the Hudson River, sixty miles north of New York City, a second generation descendant of Irish immigrant stock. He graduated from the public schools of Newburgh and then, choosing law as his career, graduated first from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts with a B. A. degree and then from the Law School of Fordham University with an L. L.B.

On March 17, 1941, he entered military service and after basic training served with the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C. After attending O.C.S., he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in September, 1942, and served on the Staff of the Adjutant General of the Army and overseas on the Staff of Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Commanding General, Mid Pacific Area. During this tour of duty he was promoted to the rank of Major.

Shortly after his honorable discharge, Martin McKneally began his long, devoted work with The American Legion, joining the Judson P. Galloway Post No. 152 of Newburgh, New York, where, in 1955, he was elected Post Commander.

His activities in The American Legion have been diversified and varied with the greatest emphasis on Americanism and anti-Communism. At the 38th annual New York Department Convention at Rochester, he was elected Department Commander, during which tenure of office his vigorous application to duties brought him not only New York State recognition as an eminent proponent of the cause of freedom, but national attention as well.

On the community, state and national levels, McKneally has served as chairman of many committees, among which have been Legal, Americanism, Foreign Affairs, un-American Activities and Resolutions. At the Miami, Florida National Convention in 1955 he was appointed Parliamentarian by National Commander Seaborn Collins and

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distinguished himself by his rulings. For the past five years he has served as a member of the Department Convention Resolutions Committee, and is currently a member of the National Foreign Relations Committee of The American Legion.

For some years he has enjoyed the distinction of serving as confidential secretary to a Supreme Court Justice of the Ninth Judicial District, New York. Never one to hoard either his own time or efforts, he was elected President of the Board of Education of the City of Newburgh. This position has given him an opportunity to view youth problems at field level. He is a member of the Elks and a member of the American Bar Association.

Governor Nelson P. Rockefeller has recently appointed McKneally to the important New York State Defense Council, an eleven man high-level executive staff with Governor Rockefeller as chairman. This group would function as the New York State governing body if the disaster of war prevents the elected legislature from functioning. New York State Civil Defense is under the jurisdiction of this council.

Basil O'Connor, chairman of the National "March of Dimes" Polio Fund raising committee, last month appointed McKneally as New York State chairman of the drive this year.

The American Legion, under his administration, will be assured of devoted efforts of a strong minded, hard hitting Legionnaire for McKneally has devoted himself unstintingly to the demands of public and Legion service.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 26

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (87-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN-LEGION/CONVENTION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 22-27, 1959
- NATIONAL

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Current Developments in Criminal Matters - Central Research Section

Minneapolis/airtel to Bureau dated 6/16/59 entitled "Crimdel-CRS" (Bufile 63-4296, MP file 33-130); reflects the American Legion is holding their National Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, from August 22 to August 27, 1959, and that former President HARRY S. TRUMAN will attend as well as Vice President RICHARD N. NIXON.

The thought has arisen that undoubtedly underworld characters, especially confidence men, card players and dice hustlers will plan to visit Minneapolis during the above convention and will possibly endeavor to perpetrate either Federal, State or City violations.

Unless advised to the contrary by Bureau UACB, this office will contact all offices instructing them that when they contact their Criminal Informants, Potential Criminal Informants, and other sources, they should be on the alert for any information as to any underworld characters contemplating proceeding to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the above convention.

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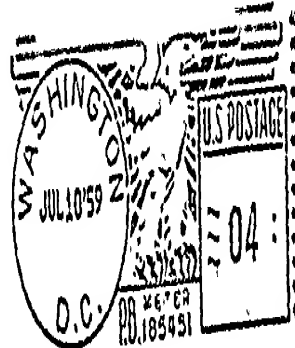
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Another Sacco-Vanzetti Case?

By William H. Honan

MRS. MORTON SOBELL lives with her two children, Mark, 10, and Sydney, 19, in a modest but pleasant three-room apartment at 40 Charlton St., much like any other Village housewife.

She goes to work at 8:30 in the morning and is home in time to cook dinner, feed the tropical fish, and then pursue her interest in physics and write a little poetry on the side. On a Thursday night, she is likely to be off at a meeting of the local PTA.

If you were to step into the Sobell household you would find that much quite normal. What would surprise you, however, would be when one of the children shows you a photograph of "Daddy" and remarks, with genuine pride, "Daddy was in Alcatraz for five years. Now he's kept in Atlanta, Georgia."

At this point Mrs. Sobell would bring out the family scrapbook. You would be taken back to March, 1951, during the frenzy of the McCarthy witchhunt. You would read of how the country was outraged to learn that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were charged with "leaking" atomic secrets to Soviet agents. You would thumb through the clippings, tracing this outrage as it grew into hysteria. You would review how the Rosenbergs were brought to trial, convicted of a conspiracy against the government, sentenced to death and grimly executed at Sing Sing.

You would also read of how Morton Sobell, a 33-year-old electrical engineer, was swept up into the trial. One witness, a certain Max Elitcher, who stood to gain his own freedom (and did) by his accusations, linked Sobell with the Rosenbergs. Despite the fact that during the trial Elitcher became a self-confessed "perjurer," a "liar" and was known to have been under psychoanalytic treatment at various times, his testimony was accepted by the court.

The evidence against Sobell amounted to his having been a fellow engineering student of Rosenberg's at New York City College and having seen Rosenberg perhaps half a dozen times over a period of a dozen years. Elitcher also stated that he had accompanied Sobell on a bus ride to Rosenberg's apartment. Sobell knew no one else involved in the trial and no witness, other than Elitcher, so much as mentioned his name.

When The Innocent Speak
Mrs. Sobell would then tell you of how her husband's attorneys, aware of the "mastering-pitch" of hysteria at the proceedings, counseled him not to take the stand. "There is no verbal material or even remotely circumstantial evidence against you," the lawyers had said, "but sometimes when the innocent speak their tongues are cut out." Accordingly, he did not appear before the jury. And, in April, 1951, Morton Sobell was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

During the next five years, Mrs. Sobell would tell you, almost joyfully, how she covered as many miles as a California senator. She was allowed to visit her husband in Alcatraz several times a year, but remained in New York to plea for judicial review and exercise her husband's right of appeal. She undertook the 3,000 mile journey to Alcatraz regularly, however, and even set a precedent by becoming the first mother to be permitted to take her children to visit an Alcatraz inmate.

"To surrender then was to die," says Mrs. Sobell, a quiet, diminutive and cheerful woman. Accident, sheer and simple, she believes, brought this grotesqueness into her life. "Mort is completely innocent," she adds, "I didn't want to try to be a hero any more than Mort wanted to be a martyr, but these were the roles thrust upon us. At that point you just stop acting like a private individual. History takes you by the hand."

Mrs. Sobell's final recourse was to organize the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, with an office at 940 Broadway.

In recent years, and particularly this year, a whole chorus of



Mrs. Morton Sobell

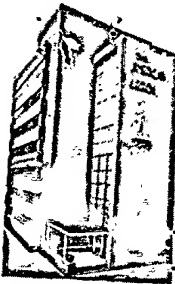
prominent "theologians, scholars, lawyers and judges have reviewed the 1715-page transcript of the trial and concluded that Sobell was unjustly abused.

Reactions have ranged all the way from author Carlton Beals' statement that the Sobell conviction was "so absurd it is incredible" to philosopher Bertrand Russell's comment that "The comparison of the witchcraft trials in Salem, Mass., with the Rosenberg-Sobell case is unavoidable."

Atomic scientist Dr. Harold C. Urey read the transcript and remarked, "You cannot tell what Morton Sobell is even supposed to have done. More recently, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, together with six other eminent theologians, stated flatly, 'Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage.'"

JUST LAST FRIDAY, here in the Village at a rally attended by over one thousand people, Dr. Horace M. Nathan, Professor of Philosophy at the New School, addressed himself to the Sobell case. "I am here as an act of conscience," he said, "to make a statement of conscience, to make a statement of conscience as an American citizen very deeply concerned with what is the most essential character of the American ideal and the American program, involving all that we mean by the Bill of Rights, and involving all that we mean by the endeavor to secure equal justice for all people regardless of their associations and connections."

"The thing that you and I can do, as simple plain Americans," he summarized, "is to keep repeating, to the persons who are now charged with the administration of justice in the nation, and all of our elected officers, that this kind of justice is a betrayal of our country to the world."



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THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

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July 10, 1959

Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Deke:

I received a letter this morning from Jimmie O'Neil, enclosing a clipping from THE VILLAGER of June 25, 1959, entitled "Another Sacco-Vanzetti Case?" Jimmie has indicated that HONAN has assailed The American Legion on more than one occasion.

A thermo-fax copy of the article is enclosed and Don and I are going to do some digging to determine whether we can come up with any material on HONAN. On the basis of the article, he very probably has taken out after the Bureau in the past.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Honan

LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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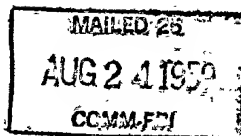
Mr. Arthur L. Smith
Fourth District Adjutant
The American Legion
Department of Ohio
8100 Camargo Road
Cincinnati 43, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter was received August 10, 1959. It was indeed kind of you to write, and I want you to know that Mr. DeLoach thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you. He has told me of the splendid reception you accorded him on June 7 and was most enthusiastic about his visit with The American Legion representatives and their guests.

I certainly appreciate the sentiments you so eloquently expressed in the third paragraph of your letter. Such a tribute is most heartening, and I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record for correspondent. Assistant Director Cartha D. DeLoach ~~is a member of the American Legion and appeared as guest speaker at the Annual Convention in Middletown, Ohio, on 6-7-59.~~ The third paragraph of correspondent's letter pays the Director a tribute by stating that America has been blessed with a period of history beginning first with the year 1895 and again in 1934, alluding, of course, to the Director's birth date and the year he was appointed Director of the FBI.

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL

M. A. Jones

The American Legion representatives and guests present, June 7, 1959, at the fourth district convention combined their thoughts by unanimously voting that a letter be directed to you in appreciation for allowing National Vice Commander, Mr. Carth D. DeLoach, to visit with us.

In response to the wishes of my fellow Legionnaires I extend to you our appreciation and sincere gratitude.

It can be said that America is blessed with numerous gifts of nature; we feel that America has also been blessed with a period of history beginning first with the year 1895 - then again 1924. For on one date a dynamic American was born on the other a dynamic organization. To you Mr. Hoover and the organization you represent we thank GOD for both.

I am,

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Sincerely yours,

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In a most devoted cause,
For God and Country.

Arthur E. Smith
Arthur E. Smith
Fourth District Adjutant
American Legion
Department of Ohio

8190 Camargo Road
Cincinnati 45, Ohio

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND ALL OFFICES DATE: July 10, 1959

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (136-27)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 22-27, 1959

NATIONAL

The American Legion will hold their National Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota from August 22 - 27, 1959, and former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, as well as Vice-President RICHARD N. NIXON, are supposed to attend.

Undoubtedly underworld characters, especially confidence men, card players, dice hustlers, and pick-pockets will visit Minneapolis, Minnesota during the above convention and may possibly perpetrate Federal, State or City crimes.

All offices, when contacting their criminal informants, potential criminal informants, and other sources, should be on the alert for any information as to any underworld characters contemplating visiting Minneapolis in connection with the above convention.

If possible, furnish two photographs, with descriptions of such individuals, including, if possible, make and license number of car.

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August 14, 1959

MR. TOLSON:

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NATIONAL
Jimmy O'Neil, Past National Commander of The American Legion and currently the publisher of The American Legion Magazine, called from New York August 7. The Legion has appointed O'Neil as its representative in connection with the current drive to oust communists from movie pictures in Hollywood. The Legion in California recently passed a resolution at its annual convention condemning the movie colony for its resumption of ties with the Communist Party. The resolution was particularly strong in connection with "Oscars" and other awards given to communists. There was considerable publicity. The movie group requested The American Legion to meet with them in Los Angeles.

O'Neil mentioned that the major studios seem not too much at fault, however, at no time have these studios condemned the independents. The major studios, of course, use the independents and issue many of their pictures. O'Neil stated that the Charlie Chaplan movies are being reissued in the United States; awards have been given to Dalton Trumbo; 20th Century Fox has entered into a contract with Eli Wallach who was formerly a member of the Communist Party and whose brother was kicked off of the New York State Board of Education because of Communist Party membership.

O'Neil called on August 13 to let me know the results of the meeting which had been held on Wednesday, August 12 in Los Angeles. He stated in so far as the major studios were concerned, there had been little deviation from the original "Waldorf agreement" in which the large studios had indicated they would not hire or use communists in any manner. O'Neil stated the representatives of the major studios produced records at the meeting to show how they had kept scores of communists from being used or publicized. The studio representatives agreed to reaffirm the "Waldorf agreement," however, there was considerable dissension on the part of United Artists. O'Neil stated United Artists has been the principal offender of the hiring of communists. He mentioned as an example that United Artists owns the Lopat Film Company as a subsidiary. This studio has had connections with Jules Dassen, Stanley Kramer, the King Brothers and Dalton Trumbo, all of whom have questionable backgrounds.

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Of some interest is the fact that all of the major studios claim they were not guilty of trying to promote the cultural exchange film program with the Soviet Union. They plead the fact that Eric Johnston entered into a unilateral agreement with the Soviet Government without allowing the major studios to know about it. The late John Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower concurred in Johnston's agreement. The major studios claim they, therefore, were bound by Johnston's actions and could do nothing about it. They told the Legion they did not like the cultural exchange program not only because it would allow the spread of propaganda but additionally because the Soviet films are lousy.

As the matter now stands, the major movie studios have requested The American Legion not to cause any more bad publicity. They have specifically requested that the Legion table its resolution coming up at the National Convention in Minneapolis which would condemn the Hollywood group for being palliative in its attitude towards communism.

The Legion has not agreed to withdraw its resolution but has advised the movie group they would be receptive to a speaker appearing before the Americanism Commission relative to explaining this matter in greater detail.

It is my personal opinion that no compromise will be made and that the resolution will go through as originally written by the State of California American Legion.

Respectfully,



C. D. DeLoach

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-26-59

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION - National
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Ray Henle, commentator, on the above-captioned newscast at 6:50 p. m. this date reported that The American Legion convention at Minneapolis had commended the FBI and said the FBI is the strongest arm of the government in combating communism and subversive activities. The American Legion condemned those who have attempted to smear the FBI and called on Congress to continue the FBI's appropriation so that its work will not be curtailed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 26, 1959

FROM : C. D. DELOACH

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CONCERNING DIRECTOR
AND THE BUREAU
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 26, 1959

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There is attached a copy of the Resolution Number 413 concerning the Director and the FBI which The American Legion in assembled convention adopted at Minneapolis today. There is also attached a copy of a press release which the Press Division of The Legion will put out in Minneapolis to the wire, services and local press.

We are seeing to it that our press friends here in town are appropriately advised.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Tamm
 1 - Mr. Mohr

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 26, 1959

For more than twenty years the American Legion when gathered in National Convention has seen fit to commend the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its long-time Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

This year has been no exception. The 41st Convention today unanimously adopted a resolution which was a consolidation of numerous ones received from various departments in the country.

The resolution called the FBI "the strongest arm of the Government" in exposing and combating attempts of subversives and Communists to infiltrate the Government. It also condemned the continued attacks of "certain forces" against the FBI utilizing press, radio, television and other public media with the idea of ultimately diminishing the Bureau's power to fight subversives.

The resolution "forcibly" states that the Bureau and its policies have the Legion's "unqualified" support, condemns those forces who would weaken the Bureau and called upon Congress to continue the appropriation of the FBI so that its work might not be curtailed.

The resolution also announced as one of the Legion's major programs for the 1959-1960 year its public support of the FBI in its fight against its enemies and demanded "forceful steps" to implement the contents of the resolution.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN QUINTUPLICATE

National Headquarters, The American Legion

Forty-First Annual National Convention, Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota

August 24-27, 1959

Resolution No. 413

Subject FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Referred to Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

~~WHEREAS~~ The Federal Bureau of Investigation, since J. Edgar Hoover became its Director in 1935, has been an instrument of the Government of the United States in exposing and combating attempts of subversives and Communists to infiltrate and ultimately overthrow the Federal Government; and

~~WHEREAS~~, Since that date the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been the leading law enforcement agency in the United States to "maintain law and order", so essential to the perpetuation of a democracy and the democratic form of Government of the United States; and

~~WHEREAS~~, During the past several years, and particularly in 1959, certain forces in the United States have launched an attack against the Federal Bureau of Investigation, using the press, radio, television and other public media; and

~~WHEREAS~~, Such attacks have as their objective the ultimate weakening of the authority and force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, thus, diminishing its power in fighting and combating subversion and Communism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion, in regular convention in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 24-27, 1959, does forcibly state that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its policies of operation have the full and unqualified support of The American Legion;

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED~~, That The American Legion does hereby condemn those forces in the United States, who in the past and particularly at present, are using press, radio, television and other public media to discredit the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the hope of diminishing its power and ultimately abolishing it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion request the Congress of the United States to continue the appropriation of adequate funds so that the work of the F.B.I. Agent not be curtailed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion hereby announces as one of its major programs for the Legion year, 1959-60, its public support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its open fight against those forces attempting to discredit and undermine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the Legion year, 1959-60, the National Organization of The American Legion take whatever forceful steps are required to implement the contents of this resolution.

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments _____

Consolidated with _____

Referred to Standing Commission or Committee on _____

Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairman or Secretary)

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by our Department Convention but with indicated national action substituted for the local resolving clause.

FRANK J. MYERS

(Adjutant)

Indiana

(Department)

(Below is to be filled in when resolution is submitted from another authorized source.)

August 31, 1959

Honorable Martin B. McKneally
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Mr. McKneally:

Although your election was fully anticipated by your many friends in the FBI, I wanted to drop you a brief note and say how glad I am that the Legionnaire delegation to the National Convention saw fit to unanimously elect you as their National Commander.

We look forward to a very pleasant year of excellent work with you and your associates. Messrs. DeLoach and Harbo have informed me of your many commendatory remarks concerning the FBI and my administration of it while at the National Convention. I only hope that our work and liaison with you during your term will merit your continued confidence.

If we can be of any possible service at all, you should not hesitate to let us know.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See memo DeLoach to Tolson dated 8-28-59 re American Legion National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 8/20-27/59, CDD:ejp.

I - Mr. Jones (sent direct)

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 28, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
POLICE DEPARTMENTS

On Sunday, 8/23/59, the Baltimore, Maryland, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Departments put on a large exhibition of the usage made by dogs in law enforcement. This was scheduled by the named Minnesota Police Departments during the American Legion-National Convention. It was held at the St. Thomas-College Stadium. The entire affair was on television. Dan Burkhardt, State Adjutant, Maryland Legion, performed the greater majority of the time inasmuch as he is recognized as one of the foremost authorities in this field.

For record purposes, I represented the National Commander of the American Legion at this affair, made a brief five-minute talk to the crowds in the stadium as to the Director's opinions regarding the necessity for continued progress in law enforcement. The close cooperation between the FBI and local law enforcement was brought out during my talk.

The chiefs of police of both St. Paul and Minneapolis, both NA graduates, as well as the mayors of both cities and numerous rank and file law enforcement officers attended this exhibition.

1 - Mr. Tamm
 1 - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 25, 1959

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION - National
INFORMATION CONCERNING (CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER)

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Enclosed will be found a newspaper clipping reporting that the Americanism citation given by the American Legion to Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas is being opposed by the Massachusetts State Department of the American Legion. This particular Department, according to the report, is demanding a resolution that a censure be given for the action taken in honoring Governor Faubus. It is pointed out that veteran officials of the American Legion could not recall any such action being taken against national officials of the Legion in the past decade.

On discussing this matter with Mr. DeLoach, he advised that the newspaper article is in error because it was the Arkansas Department of the American Legion which gave the Americanism citation to Governor Faubus and not the National American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis.

It was unfortunate that the American Legion of Arkansas should single out Governor Faubus for the Americanism citation. Had the national headquarters of the American Legion condemned this publicly, it might have prevented some misconceptions arising.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the enclosed clipping be recorded in the American Legion file.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Edwards
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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ADDENDUM: CDD:ejp, 8-31-59:

For purposes of reflecting the true facts in this matter, the Arkansas American Legion approximately one year ago presented an Americanism citation to Governor Faubus. This concerned the Arkansas American Legion only and did not have anything to do with the 2 1/2 million other Legionnaires or the 57 other Departments in the United States and foreign countries. The Massachusetts American Legion could, of course, not vote censure for national officers of The American Legion under any circumstances. Of course, the national officers had nothing to do with action taken by The Arkansas American Legion. In so far as Mr. Sullivan's speculation is concerned, the National Headquarters of The American Legion is not autonomous and, therefore, has no authority to condemn publicly one specific Department because that Department desires to commend the Governor of its state. This would be the rankest kind of interference. These facts were explained thoroughly to Mr. Sullivan prior to the time this memorandum was written.



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Legion's Faubus Award Fought

PITTSFIELD, Mass., June 26 (AP)—The Massachusetts State Department of the American Legion voted tonight to censure national officers for awarding an Americanism citation to Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas.

The censure was demanded in a resolution offered by the Legion's Un-American Activities Committee.

Veteran Legion officials said they could not recall any such censure of national officials in the past decade.

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 Date June 27, 1959

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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS

September 11, 1959

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

M. J. Jones

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your cordial letter extending congratulations upon the occasion of my election as National Commander. I assure you that I shall do my best to meet the responsibilities of my office.

American Legion

The American Legion appreciates the fine relationship which exists between our organization and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. And our staff, both here and in Washington, looks forward to working with you on matters in which we are both vitally interested.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Martin B. McKneally
Martin B. McKneally

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American Legion - National

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

ADDRESS BY
MR. EDWARD J. MOWERY
OF
FLUSHING, NEW YORK
BEFORE THE
NATIONAL CONVENTION AMERICANISM COMMITTEE
41ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 23, 1959

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Gentlemen...

It is a privilege and an honor to appear before you to briefly discuss the status of our internal security and the sinister forces which threaten our survival.

And I can think of no more appropriate forum for such a discussion than the Americanism Commission and Convention Committee of The American Legion -- the historic and militant guardian of our most cherished freedoms.

As you may have noticed, "Americanism" and "Patriotism" have become odious words in some circles today. It's "old-fashioned" to love your country. REAL Americans must almost apologize for their patriotism!

I want to stress that I am not an expert on internal security. You are the experts. Neither do I have political preferences, since the major parties are virtually indistinguishable in their goals and achievements.

However, I am an observer of the Washington scene. And, like millions of Americans, I am disturbed over what's going on.

I am concerned over the withering away of our national pride. The creeping decadence that's plaguing high government levels and the screw-ball diplomacy marking our efforts to maintain the peace.

As a newspaperman probing certain aspects of our security safeguards... I have arrived at these basic conclusions:

1. A full-blown, revitalized Communist conspiracy is firmly entrenched in the United States.

2. Americans -- mired in an aura of apathy, stupidity and paternalism -- are sitting ducks for an internal explosion.

3. And...A sizable, influential segment of the pseudo-liberal press is NOT giving the public a "Fair Shake" in the presentation of vital news.

I can't emphasize too strongly at this point that the vast majority of the men and women who make up America's working press are efficient, dedicated and patriotic craftsmen to whom the truth-hungry public owes an everlasting debt of gratitude. There's no room in an eminently-ethical profession for a comparatively small but influential corps of self-appointed journalistic "messiahs" of phony liberalism who deliberately MISINFORM a trusting public.

These conclusions, I'm sure, aren't surprising to realistic Americans who know, in their hearts, that the United States is in the twilight of her greatness.

But this malignancy didn't just happen. We let it happen. We encouraged it... and we're still encouraging it!

We have been blind to the threat of subversion for an entire generation. We permitted, without a protest, the methodical entrenchment of home-grown Communists and pro-Communist eggheads in every level of government, every strata of society.

They warped, twisted and obscured the truth. They villified all who questioned their loyalty. They peddled an atheistic philosophy that negates the God-fearing principles on which the United States was founded.

Through the years, these vermin gleefully pursued their course of destruction from within. They made disciples and they watched the gradual transformation in our governmental structure, waiting for the kill.

The home-grown Communists -- I can't call them "American Communists" because there's no such individual -- did their job well.

Our National wealth poured into an international grab-bag for the "have-not" countries around the world (we're now borrowing billions to pay the interest on our colossal national debt).

Our atomic secrets went to Moscow. Our morality crumbled. Our Republic became a "democracy". The United States became prey to the deadliest ruse in history: Divide and conquer.

We approached World War II sublimely ignorant of the red conspiracy's domestic strength. Fate and stupidity vied for control of our National destiny. Stupidity won...hand down!

Fate assigned Russia as our ally. Stupidity permitted Communist traitors to infiltrate 50 federal agencies and serve their Russian masters. Their treason was subsequently discovered, even in sensitive offices which handled wartime strategy.

In this war of survival, you will recall, a gallant and battlewise general - the immortal George Patton - was halted in his crushing, victorious drive across Germany so the Soviets could take credit for the "capture" of an already-defeated enemy.

As we are painfully aware, the Russians are still astride East Berlin... which may precipitate an atomic war with our former ally.

The Communists draped their shadow of intrigue over Yalta. And in 1950 came the most disgraceful episode in American history - the tragic and abortive Korean War in which our troops were denied a victory!

The White House itself supplied the tone of apathy for this bloody conflict, fought under the UN Flag. The President, Harry S. Truman - called it a "police action".

While Americans yawned, 1,600,000 raw, youthful GIs fought their hearts out against the brutal Communist enemy. And after the stalemate - a "cease fire" with

no peace treaty - Uncle Sam surveyed the cost of the fiasco.

142,000 battle casualties! 23,300 killed, 7,190 captured, 5,866 missing, 6,113 "probable" atrocity victims of their bestial red captors. The loss in tax dollars totaled 18 billion.

And what about the hundreds of heroic POWs still unaccounted-for and believed to be slaves of the Soviets and Chinese Communists? What are we doing to rescue them?

Virtually nothing! The UN disclaims all responsibility for the "Police Action". The Pentagon has presumed the missing men "dead". Five Congressional Committees have demanded their release. The Congress concurred.

And President Eisenhower has declared:

"How the United Nations can possibly disabuse itself of a feeling of responsibility in this matter, and retain its self respect, I wouldn't know..."

As for the heartbroken relatives of these American heroes, 15 Mothers have returned their missing sons' medals to the President. And they pray...and pray.

This is the historical pattern of American Apathy, stupidity and lethargy as engineered by Marxist conspirators boring from within. But it's not the kind of history written by Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln or Monroe!

These patriots, however, were "reactionaries" and "isolationists". They had a "queer" sense of loyalty to the beloved country they carved out of nothing.

They believed in a supreme being and they "naively" refused to acknowledge that you're WRONG when you're "RIGHT".

Like the medical profession, they isolated America against contagion - the contagion of old world wars and intrigues. They reacted violently against the attempted colonization of this country by an aggressive foreign power.

They couldn't afford the luxuries of APATHY (a type of living oblivion), STUPIDITY (the instrument of a fool) or PATERNALISM (fatherly care over indigent, parasitic nations).

They proudly functioned under this "old-fashioned" precept... adopted by wise men who signed the Declaration of Independence:

"With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor".

On December 2, 1823, Monroe promulgated an epic doctrine which warned European Powers (including Russia) that intrusion into the Western Hemisphere.....meant war.

He didn't use double-talk. He didn't appease. He didn't plead... and he didn't court a "summit" conference.

Monroe's bold action bespoke extreme bravery. The Union then boasted 24 impoverished states and less than 10 million rugged Americans who would unhesitatingly have died to preserve their country's honor, dignity and sovereignty.

Monroe pioneered in safeguarding not only internal security...but external security!

How far have we sunk in protecting our freedoms and ideals since the days of the fifth President?

Every issue of every newspaper tells the story.

We welcome, dignify and fraternize with Bolshevik murderers and insist that they inspect our atomic installations. Our honored guests head the deadliest conspiratorial combine in world history.

They openly boast that we, like one third of the world's peoples, will become their serfs.

But we don't wait for the enemy to come to us. High American officials are on a shuttle-run to the Kremlin, waving an olive branch and begging for "understanding".

A recent Moscow tourist was none other than the Chief Justice of the United States, not exactly a stranger to Communists who have consistently been comforted by our High Court decisions.

One such ruling blazed open a trans-oceanic trail for Marx-happy, home-grown Reds. They carry U. S. Passports while getting their Moscow orders on how to knock us off!

An estimated 14,000 Communists are currently manning their ant-hills of treason throughout this Country. We sheer the efforts of 626 cited subversive groups and ignore the stream of anti-American venom pouring from 105 Red publications. How many Americans protested the vicious and continuing smear campaign against the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover? How many newspapers tagged this campaign as Communist-inspired? Or mentioned it at all?

And what is Hoover's "crime"?

Hoover loathes Communists and phony liberals. He snatches them from the morass of subversion. He hasn't been brainwashed. He won't crawl. And he backs up his loyal agents in a 'round-the-clock rat-race to preserve your freedoms and mine.

Last year, the FBI processed 85,000 internal security matters and received 1,180,000 requests for information relating to internal security. Almost 350 espionage cases came under FBI investigation....in 1958.

If Communists capture the FBI....or stifle the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee God help apathetic America!

What about the so-called liberal press and the journalistic eggheads who distort, slant or delete "straight news"?

Are they stupid, apathetic or venal?

Whatever their motives, it's happening and it cries for correction.

Certain papers are notoriously "liberal", others affect a pattern of fair play and a third category hews to so-called "conservatism".

If the slanting is done by wire services, many papers are victims of the distortion.

It isn't enough to say that a reader usually buys the paper containing the type of news he (or she) wants to read. Neither should it be a case of "what you read and where you read it".

Distorted news is dishonest news...wherever you read it!

I have personally observed that the press in general tortured the Fidel Castro story and built this professional, bearded agitator into a "liberator" of Cuba.

A relatively few newspapers painted Castro in his true light; a pro-Communist pawn of Moscow whose Red connections date back to the 1948, bloody massacre in Bogata; a stooge of the Caribbean Reds, knee-deep in Communist associates, vocally and viciously anti-American and a menace to our internal security.

I repeat... how many papers faithfully reported the Red-inspired attack on the FBI? How much space has been given to the plight of American POWs in Communist slave camps?

What segment of the press told readers that the Pentagon refuses to fire Annie Lee Moss, fingered as a one-time Commie by the party's own records and "heroized" as a "martyr" of the Army-McCarthy Committee?

If you didn't read these stories on the FACTUAL side...you can answer the above questions.

On July 30, the charge of tainted news exploded on the floor of the House when Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey, of W. Virginia, flatly accused the Metropolitan Press of "Notorious Bias" on the tariff-trade issue.

In his prepared speech (which merited 7 paragraphs in one wire report), Bailey said the slanting of news on the "Liberal Trade Side" was so odorous that it became accepted like "bad weather" - something "You can do nothing about".

When Congressmen repeatedly attacked the reciprocal trade program, Bailey declared, barely an "echo" appeared in the press.

"Congress", he said, "Depends upon the free press to carry its deliberations on national issues to the people. But the protectionist side of this issue barely gets past these four walls".

The "biased" press coverage, Bailey explained, triggered a formal complaint by a joint labor-management-agricultural trade organization to J. Russell Wiggins, President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The complaint apparently died on the vine.

Wiggins, also executive editor of the Washington Post, assertedly refused to consider accusations of bias against the press.

Because....No ASNE "machinery" exists to receive them. Bailey shot back:

"This seemed particularly odd - indeed ironic - in a field so intimately involved with freedom of speech and expression".

But Bailey shouldn't get upset over a little matter involving lopsided news on the "liberal" side or preservation of press integrity.

In the present national climate, even documented treason can become a badge of honor.

I read the other day that a movement is on in Yankee New England...to whitewash the treason of Benedict Arnold!

The gentleman from West Virginia hasn't seen anything yet.

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What does it take to rock America out of its lethargy? Atomic oblivion? Do we deserve to live under our glorious heritage of freedom?

Can we repudiate the divine guidance invoked by our Founding Fathers and pay lip service to the ideals that made us great?

Of course not! We prattle about peace and stumble into disaster. Peace, a renowned philosopher named Colton said years ago, is not compatible with Atheism - the idealistic vacuum in which the Communists would plunge America.

"Peace", Colton said, "is the Evening Star of the soul...as virtue is its Sun ...and the two are never far apart."

I thank you.....

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 8, 1959

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES

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As you know, with the Director's approval, SA Hanning and myself attended the fall executive meetings of The American Legion in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 4, 5 and 6. I thought you might be interested in the high lights of the meetings.

On Sunday afternoon, October 4, through previous arrangements approved by the Director, there was a special showing of "The FBI Story" for all Commanders and Adjutants of the Legion together with other Legion officials. The showing was held in the Legion auditorium. Despite the fact that the movie started at almost the same time the world series game started, I noted that not a single Legionnaire left the auditorium. All in attendance were most impressed and all had most favorable comments concerning the movie.

On Monday and Tuesday, among other things, I attended Americanism meetings where a number of resolutions were acted upon. None were of pertinent interest to the Bureau. On Tuesday morning, Lee Pennington, whose retirement from the Legion is mandatory because of age, was given a movie projector and scroll in behalf of the Americanism Commission. The high light of the presentation was when the Director's letter was read congratulating Lee and wishing him success. Lee was very impressed and for once was almost at a loss for words to thank the group.

I spent considerable time with the new National Commander, Martin McKneally, and his comments and attitude were most favorable as far as the Director and the FBI are concerned. He is a high type of individual, an intellectual, and I believe will give the Legion a stimulus which it has lacked in the past. I took the liberty of giving him a copy of the Director's article entitled "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality." He was very appreciative and stated he would use it as source material for anticommunist talks as well as a basic text to increase his own knowledge of the communist menace.

Enclosures

ENCLOSURE

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CRIME REC

DeLoach to Tolson memo

The appointment as Chairman of the National Public Relations Commission was confirmed. Since this will interfere with my working with the Americanism Commission, but to insure that we have coverage on this important Commission, McKneally is appointing SA Hanning as a personal representative to the Americanism Commission.

In Americanism meetings there was considerable discussion on the general subject of communism and the teaching of communism in schools. The Department of New Jersey has done considerable research in this matter and has come up with some interesting posters and a curriculum for teaching communism in schools using the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," as a textbook. Copies of their posters and their suggested curriculum were presented to all other Legion Departments.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. E. MOORE

DATE: 8/21/59

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN CUBA

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On the afternoon of 8/21 the Director referred to a speech made by [redacted] before the American Legion National Security Commission, which speech had been referred to today in the Los Angeles papers. In this speech [redacted] stated that Moscow sent a Soviet intelligence officer to Cuba last May to guide local communists on penetrating the Castro government; that a Russian officer went to Cuba as a member of a trade union delegation, and that his name was [redacted].

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The Director inquired whether we had any knowledge of this incident, and instructed that Liaison secure details of the incident [redacted] in view of our interest in communist activities in this hemisphere.

ACTION:

Liaison has been requested to secure a copy of [redacted] speech and the details of the incident mentioned herein, if [redacted] has not already furnished them to us.

A check of our files should be made to see if we have this information or any other information relative to Soviet activities in Cuba.

AHB:CSH (5)

cc Mr. Belmont



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 28, 1959

FROM : C. D. DELOACH

SUBJECT:

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 20-27, 1959

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

You and the Director may be interested in following details
re The American Legion National Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 20-27, 1959.

Martin B. McKneally, Newburgh, New York, elected National Commander. He is completely cooperative, extremely pro-FBI and will be of great assistance. He and other Legion officials have requested I serve as Chairman of the National Public Relations Commission during the coming year. The Director has approved this. McKneally paid courtesy call on Director July, 1959, and expressed desire to assist FBI. Suggested letter to McKneally attached.

RESOLUTIONS:

Seventeen resolutions at convention commending Director and FBI. These coordinated into one resolution which passed unanimously. This matter fully coordinated with FBI Headquarters to extent that friendly members of press given copies of resolution; Press Division of Legion gave news release concerning resolution to wire services and local press in Minneapolis; [redacted] Hearst newspapers, whom I spent considerable time with in Minneapolis, mentioned this resolution in his news releases to Hearst newspaper chain.

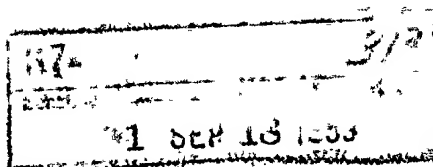
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Other resolutions concerned condemnation of movie industry, particularly independent producers for palliative attitude toward communists. [redacted] Vice President, Motion Picture Producers Association, spent five days in Minneapolis appearing before various Legion groups urging that no condemnation be made of movie industry because of ensuing bad publicity. Resolution passed regardless. Strong resolution passed condemning [redacted] for soft attitude towards Red China in forthcoming olympics. A resolution calling for passage of bombing legislation, giving FBI jurisdiction, was unanimously rejected.

Enclosure (3) *Letter sent*
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Memo DeLoach to Tolson:
Re: American Legion National Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 20-27, 1959

8-28-59

Most controversial resolution was one involving pending Khrushchev visit. State Department had three representatives at convention who attempted to have this resolution squashed. One State representative (Anthony Merrill) called his superiors in Washington and requested that Vice President Nixon be warned of the resolution so that he would strongly bring out in his speech certain facts which would indicate this resolution unwise. This action brought up publicly before Foreign Relations Commission and bitter debate ensued. State Department representatives denied that Merrill had taken this action but later apologized admitting that Merrill had done this. This made State Department look bad in eyes of Legion.

Strong resolution passed calling attention to danger of Fidel Castro government in Cuba. Legion calls for American public to be constantly alert to this danger.

VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON:

Vice President Nixon arrived at convention night of August 24, 1959. He had breakfast with 20 top officials of the Legion, including myself, at 6:30 AM, August 25. I afterwards accompanied him back to his suite, expressed the Director's regards and the fact that the Director had specifically instructed me to be of any possible assistance to the Vice President. He expressed appreciation and mentioned several times his high respect and close friendship for and with the Director. The Vice President's speech went over exceptionally well and there is no doubt but what he gained considerable prestige with the Legion resulting from his actions at the convention.

Senator Lyndon Johnson also at convention. I had occasion to express Director's respects while presiding over convention during time Johnson was on platform. Former President Harry Truman cancelled his appearance before convention at last minute.

NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES:

[redacted] Newark Star Ledger, [redacted] of Scripps Howard chain, [redacted] of Hearst chain, were among close friends attending convention. Opportunities were afforded for Messrs. Hanning and myself to be of considerable assistance to those men. The New York Times had representative there full time. He was thrown out of Americanism Commission meetings on four different occasions.

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Memo DeLoach to Tolson
Re: American Legion National Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 20-27, 1959

8-28-59

[] gave excellent talk before Americanism Commission in which he highly commended Director and FBI. [] remarks appear on page 4 of attached speech. Suggested letter to [] attached. His speech given considerable publicity.

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FBI LITERATURE AT CONVENTION:

Legion officials had one table in convention hall which contained FBI literature only. The Director's poster on "What You Can Do To Fight Communism," the Senate document on the [] series and copies of the United American Mechanics speech were prominently displayed and were picked up by the hundreds by Legionnaires.

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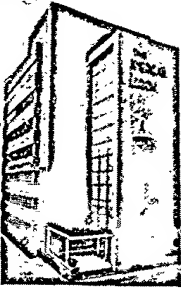
Seminar held in Minneapolis Office, clerical employees and Agents jointly attending 8:30 AM, August 25. This meeting lasted 1 1/2 hours and numerous questions asked indicating excellent morale on part of Minneapolis personnel. These employees reflected a "hungry attitude" to know more about our activities. Separate memo being submitted re brief spot check of Minneapolis Office. SAC Williams and ASAC [] were of assistance during convention. Suggested letter to SAC Williams attached.

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In addition to being appointed Chairman of the Legion's National Public Relations Commission, I additionally was elected President of the Past National Vice Commanders' organization. The latter assignment will, of course, require no time and is merely an organization of all past National Vice Commanders who meet once a year at the National Convention at an annual banquet.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deleted in Personnel - see Original



WASHINGTON
HEADQUARTERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL

AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

October 22, 1959

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I certainly appreciate receiving a copy of "Communist Illu-
sion and Democratic Reality."

I am going to try to work some of your material into an issue
of the "Firing Line."

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director
AMERICAN LEGION
DC

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November 16, 1959

AIR MAIL

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Mr. Randall C. Biart
Vice Chairman
Child Welfare - Midwest Area
The American Legion
Bellevue, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Biart:

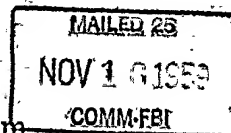
I have received your letter of November 10, 1959,
and certainly appreciate your interest in writing me.

While I would like to be of assistance to you with
regard to comparative figures on juvenile delinquency, I regret
that we do not maintain such statistics. I am, however, enclosing
some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (5)

Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency
What Can We Do About "Delinquency"?
We Must Choose Between Discipline and Barbarism
The Crime Problem
1958 Uniform Crime Reports Bulletin



NOTE: We have had limited cordial correspondence with Mr. Randall C.
Biart who has been submitting requests similar to this current one since
1936. We last wrote him in 1954.

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The
AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
P. O. BOX 1055
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓
JAH
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Bellevue, Nebraska
November 10, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

American Legion-National

Last week a woman speaking before an Omaha group made the statement that the United States has more juvenile delinquency than any other country in the world but did not as far as I can learn give any supporting evidence. I am wondering if you have any figures or information which would lead to this conclusion.

I do not underestimate the problem of juvenile delinquency in this country and feel that, like weeds, our attack must be consistent and vigorous. On the other hand, I am often concerned about a tendency to overlook the tremendous strengths in this country and often what appear to be studied efforts to depreciate that which is American.

It seems to me that comparative figures of juvenile delinquency would be difficult to establish for certainly what one country would call delinquency might not be considered in such a light in another country. Then, too, I am inclined to question the extent of reporting and I suppose that we would have a right to assume that Iron Curtain Countries would not release any figures or information that would be derogatory in any way. I cannot conceive of the Russians putting their worst foot forward as we seem to do.

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Since I must be in Dayton, Ohio the 20th and 21st for the Midwest Area Child Welfare Conference of the American Legion, I thought any information from you on this subject would be most helpful in our deliberations.

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Sincerely,

Randall C. Biart
Randall C. Biart, Vice Chairman
Child Welfare - Midwest Area

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 19, 1959

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 18, 19 and 20, 1960

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
DeLoach	✓
McGuire	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

The Director has received a letter dated November 16, 1959, from Martin B. McKneally, the present Commander of The American Legion. McKneally states he needs not say how much The American Legion respects and admires the Director both as Director of the FBI and because of his personal stature. He states the Legion was very disappointed when it was not possible for the Director to attend the National Convention in Minneapolis this past August. McKneally states, "Knowing that your itinerary is arranged many months in advance, I want to extend to you now a most cordial invitation to be our guest at our 1960 National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, and to address one of our sessions, October 18, 19 or 20. I would consider it a personal honor to introduce you to that assembly."

I would like to urge that the Director give serious consideration to accepting this invitation for reasons which I will set forth below.

Miami is a top convention city for The American Legion and whenever the convention is held there they draw a capacity group of Legionnaires from all over the United States, territorial possessions and foreign countries. I am sure the 1960 Convention will be a particularly outstanding and well-run one because the present Commander, McKneally, is a very high type of individual and an outstanding administrator. As you know, when the Director spoke at the last convention two years ago in Atlantic City, he had an audience of over 8,000. With the auditorium in Miami, it is anticipated he would have an even larger group. These men are all from the "grass roots" of America and as indicated above, they are from every state in the Union, territorial possessions and foreign countries. An address by the Director to this group would have far-reaching effects and dissemination.

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I sincerely feel that this is one of the best forums the Director could use in the 1960 year and since I am Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of The American Legion, I can assure you and the Director that he would have the top spot on the schedule and his address would get wide-spread publicity. I also feel that it is a particularly opportune time for the Director to get his message across to the American people inasmuch as it will be just about one month before national elections.

Enclosure

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DeLoach to Tolson
Re: American Legion Convention
Miami, Florida, October 18-20, 1960

In the event the Director will accept, he will have the choice of being either the Keynote Speaker (first speaker, opening day of convention) or at the National Commander's Banquet. The latter is the second top spot and I therefore recommend the Keynote speech. This will occur at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 1960. The audience will be the largest of any session of the convention consisting of both the Legion and the Auxiliary. Commander McKneally is most anxious that the Director accept this particular spot in view of its prominence.

I want to assure both you and the Director also that if the Director will accept this invitation, this Division will see to it that considerable research will be done far ahead of time in order to avoid any difficulties for the Director in preparing his speech.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Director indicate an acceptance of this invitation to address The American Legion National Convention in Miami in October, 1960.

OK.

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(2) That the attached letter be forwarded to Commander McKneally.

OK.
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an acceptance
can be made
so far in advance*

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November 23, 1959

94-1-17998-1428

Honorable Martin B. McKneally
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Mr. McKneally:

Thank you for your most gracious letter of
November 16, 1959, inviting me to be a guest at the 1960
National Convention and to address the Convention.

I am deeply honored and gratified by this
invitation and will be happy to accept it.

Your kind remarks concerning my
administration of this Bureau are sincerely appreciated,
and I shall look forward to being with you and our many
friends in the Legion. In the meantime, if there is anything
I can do to be of assistance to you or your splendid
organization, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

NOTE: See DeLoach to Tolson memo dated 11-19-59 captioned
"The American Legion Convention, Miami, Florida, October 18, 19
and 20, 1960," CDD:mlw

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THE AMERICAN LEGION - *nat'l*

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓

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November 16, 1959

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sure I need not tell you how much The American Legion respects and admires you, both in your Direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your personal stature. We are always honored to have you with us on special occasions, and were very disappointed when it was not possible for you to attend our National Convention in Minneapolis.

Knowing that your itinerary is arranged many months in advance, I want to extend to you now a most cordial invitation to be our guest at our 1960 National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, and to address one of our sessions, October 18, 19 or 20. I would consider it a personal honor to introduce you to that assembly.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Martin B. McKneally

MARTIN B. MCKNEALLY

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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November 24, 1959

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94-1-17998-1429
Mr. James E. Daniel, Jr.
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Your letter of November 17, 1959, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your favorable comments concerning "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality." It is gratifying to know that it is so well received. In connection with your request I am pleased to enclose an additional copy for the purpose you mentioned.

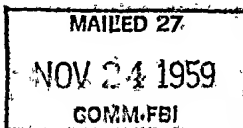
With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, was sent a copy of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" upon the request of Mr. Tolson on 10-26-59.

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NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
~~SECRETARY GENERAL~~

November 17, 1959

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

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AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your treatise, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality".

With much interest I have read this very informative article. I am delighted to have it for reference. If not asking too much, would you please mail me another copy for a friend.

Best wishes ever in the great work you are doing for America.

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.
James F. Daniel, Jr.

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WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

MARTIN B. McKNEALLY

November 25, 1959

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. DeLoach ☒
Mr. McGuire ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Parsons ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tamm ☒
Mr. Trotter ☒
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Mr. Holloman ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your prompt reply to my letter of November 16, 1959, is indeed appreciated. The fact that you indicated an acceptance to be with us as our guest at the 1960 National Convention as a speaker made your letter doubly welcome.

I wish I could convey to you the deep feeling of respect and admiration that pervades our organization down to the grass roots as far as the F.B.I. and your administration of it is concerned. Because of this feeling, we want you to be our opening day speaker, which is the top spot and principal speaker of the National Convention.

Your appearance would be on October 18, 1960, the opening day of the Convention, and will be before The American Legion Convention body, as well as the full membership of The American Legion Auxiliary. This is the only time of the Convention that the two bodies meet in joint session. I will be in touch with you at a later date as to the exact time, but it will possibly be at 1:30 p. m. on that date.

Once again, may I express my deep appreciation for your acceptance of our invitation and I can assure you of a warm welcome and a most cordial reception. I know that the very fact that you will appear will assure us a record Convention.

With kindest personal regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,

EX-1 *Martin B. McKneally*
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MARTIN B. MCKNEALLY

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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December 1, 1959

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TELEGRAM

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MRS. JAMES F. DANIEL, JR.
304 WEST FARIS ROAD
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THE SAD NEWS OF YOUR
HUSBAND'S PASSING. WHILE I REALIZE THAT WORDS ARE INDEED
FUTILE AT A TIME LIKE THIS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT HIS
MANY FRIENDS IN THE FBI ARE SHARING YOUR SORROW.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEC 1 1959 12:00 P
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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NOTE: Daniel was Chairman of the Americanism Commission of The
American Legion. Mr. DeLoach has just received word that he died
suddenly last night. Daniel was a great booster of the Bureau and there
has been cordial correspondence between him and the Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(December 21, 1959)

My dear Mr. Hoover -

Jim had the greatest admiration and respect for you. I think he felt almost a kinship with you. Someone has written to me "The Communist's will be gleeful at Jim's passing" - no greater tribute could have been paid to Jim. I am lonely.

Thank God for you and your associates in the F.B.I.

Most gratefully,

/s/ Florence Daniel

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- Miss Gandy

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The family of
James Fleming ~~Daniel~~, Jr. *aka "Jim"*

deceased acknowledges with grateful *S.C.*
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy

over -

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and your associates in the I.B.D.

Most Gratefully

Flourence Daniel

January 11, 1960

Captain William C. Holmberg
United States Marine Corps
Seventh and E Streets, Northwest
Washington 4, D. C.

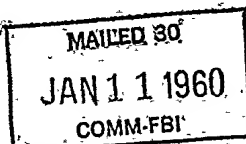
Dear Captain:

I have been advised of your visit to FBI Headquarters on January 8, 1960, and your desire that I provide a statement for the October issue of the Boys' State Alumni Association publication on the subject of communism.

Your interest in contacting this Bureau in this regard is deeply appreciated, and I would be very pleased to prepare such a statement if you will contact me sometime prior to your date of publication.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Mohr



1 - Mr. Jones (Sent direct)

NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr memo 1/8/60 captioned "Captain William C. Holmberg, United States Marine Corps, American Legion Matter."

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Mr. Ingram

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: January 8, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. HOLMBERG
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
AMERICAN LEGION MATTER

- National

On January 8, 1960, Captain Holmberg came to my office and in my absence talked with SA Charles E. Moore, Jr. Captain Holmberg advised he is Chairman of the National Committee for the American Legion Boys' State and that he has been given the authority by the American Legion to endeavor to form an (organization) called Boys' State Alumni Association.

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Captain Holmberg stated the purpose of this Association would be to instill qualities of leadership and citizenship into young high school boys and that plans were under way to incorporate the organization in Maryland in mid-February, 1960. He stated that he knew of the Director's interest in young people and added that the Director is deeply respected by the young people of this Nation. He said that the Boys' State Alumni Association would have a publication, the first issue of which would appear in October and which would have as its dominant theme the threat of communism so that young members of the Association could be alerted to the dangers of communism. He stated that subsequent issues of this publication would pertain to matters such as religious freedoms in America, good citizenship, etc.

Captain Holmberg stated he would very much appreciate obtaining a tentative agreement from Mr. Hoover at this time to write a letter to be carried in this publication in October alerting young people to the dangers of communism. He stated also that he would like to have the endorsement of the Boys' State Alumni Association, but he was advised the Director, of course, receives many such requests and that, frankly, no encouragement could be offered to him along this line in view of the fact that he was requesting the Director to endorse an organization which was not yet formed. He stated he understood this and would be happy if the Director would agree to prepare the statement he mentioned. Captain Holmberg was furnished a copy of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" and stated that there was a possibility that he might want to reprint this material in his October publication but that he would certainly seek the Director's permission before going ahead with this after he has read the document.

Captain Holmberg was told that his request would be related to the Director and that he would be advised very shortly. Captain Holmberg stated that prior

1 - Mr. Jones

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Mr. Ingram

DeLoach to Mohr

to publication, he would submit to the Bureau the material which would be included in his October publication so that the Director might see what the publication would be like. He also brought up the question as to whether he might discuss this matter with the Director and was told that this would be dependent upon the Director's commitments at the time that he desired to see the Director should he desire to make such a specific request. Since Captain Holmberg made no specific request at this time, it is not believed that we should encourage him in this regard since he apparently desires to seek the Director's endorsement of his organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Captain Holmberg be approved.

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January 12, 1960

Mr. James V. Day
Room 5036 B
George Washington University Hospital
901 23rd Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Day:

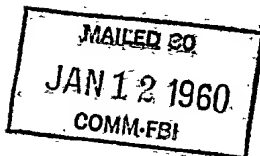
I have been advised by a number of your close friends in the FBI of your confinement to George Washington University Hospital.

I join with your friends in stating that we sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to get some much needed relaxation and rest. We think very highly of you in "the FBI family" and appreciate very much the kind assistance you have rendered to us on many occasions.

Please do not hesitate to let us know in the event any of us can be of assistance to you or your family during the time that you are in the hospital.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Mr. James V. Day is Director of Public Relations of The American Legion. He is a very close contact and has rendered valuable assistance on many occasions. He is being confined to George Washington University Hospital for observation in view of difficulty with his heart. Address per telephone directory.

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JAMES V. DAY
1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

James V. Day

January 19, 1960

Jim

American Legion National

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You know, of course, that I am sincerely appreciative for your kindness in sending me a note of cheer during my hospitalization.

If nothing else, my "incarceration" has afforded me time to leisurely re-read your excellent book "Masters of Deceit."

It is always a pleasure to work with the capable people connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I'm looking forward to an early return to the office.

Again, many thanks, and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Jim
Jim (Day)

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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December 30, 1959

Mr. Jack R. C. Cann
Secretary-Treasurer
The American Legion Press Association
5901 East Washington Street
Indianapolis 10, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cann:

I am very grateful for your letter of December 27, 1959, advising me of the Legion Press Association's interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit." This was indeed a fine birthday greeting.

The Legion's constant support of the FBI serves as an inspiration to me and all of my associates. I humbly hope that the interest you have displayed in "Masters of Deceit" will do much to dispel the present day lethargy toward the atheistic menace of communism.

Thank you also for your wishes for my good health. Please express my gratitude to your President and all the members of your fine group.

Sincerely yours,

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FRANCIS W. JUDKINS
President
1202 Harrison St.
Syracuse 10, N. Y.

JACK R. C. CANN
Secretary-Treasurer
5901 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis 19, Ind.

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Dec. 27, 1959

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

The best birthday greetings we can extend is the announcement that we are purchasing 900 copies of your book, "Masters of Deceit", which will be sent to that many editors and staff writers of American Legion publications here in the continental United States, and wherever there are ^{national} American Legion posts abroad with their own publications.

Our heartiest congratulations, and our best wishes that good health may attend you, and that you may continue to live long in order that this nation may benefit by your wisdom, advice, and service.

I speak for our president, and all of our members, in this note.

Jack R. C. Cann
Jack R. C. Cann
Secretary-Treasurer

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For the mutual improvement of the Legion Press — by mutual endeavor

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February 12, 1960

AIRMAIL

Director of Workshop
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Reed:

I have received your telegram of February 9, 1960, cordially inviting Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach to discuss some phase of subversive activities at your Workshop on June 16 and 17, 1960.

While Mr. DeLoach would certainly like to be with you on this occasion and is honored by your request, he has several prior commitments during that week which preclude his acceptance. I am indeed sorry this situation exists. If you are still desirous of having a representative of this Bureau take part in this program, you may feel free to contact Mr. John H. Williams, Special Agent in Charge of our office located at 918 Park Avenue, Southwest, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who will be glad to speak to your group on the subject of FBI jurisdiction over subversive activities in the United States if the work load of his office is such that it is possible. Thank you very much for your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Albuquerque - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC: Should you be contacted by this group, you should make every effort to handle this engagement yourself if there is nothing in your indices to preclude this. With regard to any discussion of subversive activities, you should limit yourself to only the FBI's jurisdiction in such matters.

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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NOTE: This matter was not handled on February 10 because it was necessary for Mr. DeLoach to determine through the American Legion Headquarters the size of this group, its importance and other information concerning it. No derogatory information identifiable with Eastern New Mexico University or [redacted] was located in Bufiles.

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J EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FBI B3 ALMSHDC

THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS SPONSORING A WORKSHOP
DEMOCRACY VERSUS COMMUNISM AT EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
PORTALES, NEW MEXICO JUNE 13TH THROUGH 17TH 1960. WE WOULD LIKE
FOR C D DELOACH TO DISCUSS ANY PHASE OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES IF MR DELOACH IS AVAILABLE FOR JUNE 16
& 17 PLEASE NOTIFY ME VIA AIR MAIL AND SEND PHOTO AND BIOGRAPHICAL
SKETCH OF HIM.

 DIRECTOR WORKSHOP EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY.

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MR. DELOACH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 11, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: *OC American Legion - Nat'l*
CRITICISM OF FBI--APTITUDE TEST
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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ASAC [] New York Office, called to advise that today's issue of the "New York Post" has a one-column story on page 8 captioned "California U. Prof Scoffs at Legion Protest." The article says the university scoffs at claims of the American Legion that one question on one of its entrance examinations, "What are the dangers to a democracy of a national police organization like the FBI which operates secretly and is unresponsive to public criticism?" is being used as communist propaganda.

The article stated that [] California Chairman of Un-American Activities Committee for the Legion, attacked the question as a scheme to implant the Communist Party line into the minds of boys and girls just out of high school. The article then reported comments of University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) faculty members. [] Supervisor of Instruction, said []'s complaint had no basis. [] staff member at Berkeley, said students who wrote concerning the question defended the strength of the democratic system and said in our society national organizations are free of the dangers found in totalitarian states.

The article then said that the Legion charges drew comment from FBI Director Hoover that the FBI respects the sovereignty of local authorities and has always opposed all programs which might lead to a police state.

It was mentioned that California Governor Brown has refused any investigation of the matter but said he would turn the matter over to the University Board of Regents.

A university faculty member, [] said he welcomed any investigation, admitted that the phrasing of the question was unfortunate, but said it was ludicrous to assume any communistic influence was involved. The Post story mentioned that [] mentioned above, related that most of the students who answered the question were favorable to the FBI and admitted that the wording was unfortunate. He said it is not known who prepared the questions but that this was not unusual when so many questions are prepared in connection with several types of examinations given during the course of a year.

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The Post article ended with the comment that the FBI has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Copies of the article will be furnished as soon as the New York Post is received.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY NO. 654

Mexico

MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN LEGION AT MEXICO CITY MARCH 13 AND 14, 1960. INFO CONCERNING. CAPTIONED COMMITTEE MET ON DATES INDICATED WITH INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN LEGION FOR DEPARTMENT OF MEXICO. CAPTIONED COMMITTEE PREPARED CONFIDENTIAL REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS BE IMPOSED AGAINST CUBAN GOVERNMENT; TERMINATION OF TRADE TREATIES WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT; THAT GUARANTEES BE EXACTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN CUBA; THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUSE TO TOLERATE CONFISCATION U.S. PROPERTY WITHOUT COMPENSATION IN CUBA; THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BE DECLARED; THAT U.S. CANNOT ENDURE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNIST SATELLITE IN CARIBBEAN; THAT U.S. RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF CUBAN NATIONALS UNTIL UNFRIENDLY CUBAN ATTACKS ON U.S. GOVERNMENT CEASE; THAT U.S. DEMAND DECLARATION OF INTENTION FROM CUBAN GOVERNMENT AS TO FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; THAT U.S. REQUEST IMMEDIATE MEETING OF ORGANIZATIONS OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) TO REQUEST CONCERNED ACTION AGAINST CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND IF OAS DOES NOT AGREE, THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO INSURE ITS OWN SAFETY AND SECURITY; AND THAT U.S. APPEAL TO SIGNATORIES OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF TREATIES AT THIS TIME OF GRAVE DANGER TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE. FOREGOING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED BY COMMITTEE TO NATIONAL FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN LEGION IN WASHINGTON. US. EMBASSY HERE COGNIZANT.

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JOHN F. DESMOND

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CC: MR. BELMONT

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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February 2, 1960

MR. MOHR:

In connection with Los Angeles teletype of February 1, 1960, wherein it was reported that high school seniors, upon taking an entrance test preparatory to possible entry into the University of California or University of Southern California, had been given a list of ~~some~~ subjects including one entitled "What are the dangers to a democracy of a national police organization like the FBI which operates secretly and is unresponsive to public criticism," it is my understanding that the two Hearst newspapers in Los Angeles plan to send reporters to the offices of the Director of Admissions at the Universities of Southern California and the University of California for the purpose of asking if these questions were posed. If the reply is in the affirmative, the Hearst newspapers plan to attack the mentioned education institutions for allowing such questions to be given.

It is also my understanding that the National Commander of the American Legion, Martin McKneally, has today written the attached letter to Mr. Vern O. Knudsen, Acting Chancellor, University of California, with copy to Mr. Norman H. Topping, President, University of Southern California. The letter is quite drastic in phraseology and calls for an explanation from these individuals.

It is also my understanding that certain law enforcement bodies are interested in this matter and Mr. Tamm is pursuing this with them. Mr. McGuire is likewise in contact with a number of Catholic organizations in connection with the matter.

Depending upon the circumstances ascertained, Fulton Lewis, Jr., will air this entire matter on his program within the near future.

This will be followed very closely.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. McGuire (encl-2)
- 1 - Mr. Tamm (encl-2)
- 1 - Mr. Jones (encl-2)

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Mr. Vern O. Knudsen
Acting Chancellor
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Knudsen:

My attention has been called to a newspaper item regarding a situation in which high school seniors preparing to enter your school were given preliminary examinations. Among these tests was a series of topics on which the students could write themes. One of the suggested theme topics was "What are the dangers to a democracy of a national police organization like the FBI which operates secretly and is unresponsive to public criticism?"

As National Commander of the American Legion, I wish to emphatically protest the wording of the suggested theme topic on the FBI. I certainly do not object to the idea that students write about the FBI. This is a governmental agency which, like any other institution in a democratic society, should never be immune from appraisal, discussion, or evaluation. However, I do object to the innuendoes, false premises and downright untruths involved in the formulation of the question itself. If you will read this theme topic closely, you will notice that it categorically states that the FBI is (1) a national police organization; (2) that it operates secretly; and, (3) is unresponsive to public criticism. I have had extremely close contacts with Mr. Hoover and the FBI both as a private individual and in my current position. I can state conclusively--as millions of other Americans can also--that these three premises are completely wrong.

May I briefly illustrate for you. By no stretch of the imagination is the FBI a national police organization. It is only one of many Federal investigative agencies. It operates under strict supervision of the Attorney General, the President and the Congress. In fact, it has investigative jurisdiction over only some 150 Federal investigative matters. Mr. Hoover time after time has emphatically stated his objection to the creation of any Federal or national police. Mr. Hoover's very life as Director of the FBI since 1924 is a testimonial of his belief in the validity of fraternal and voluntary cooperation of local, state and Federal law enforcement authorities. If you will take the time to study the FBI's operations, you will find that the FBI renders many cooperative services designed not to create a national police, but to promote local cooperation.

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There are, of course, certain areas of FBI activities which are secret in that the ordinary public, for security reasons, cannot be advised of current cases. Obviously, the FBI cannot publicize the latest movements of Soviet espionage agents or clandestine rendezvous of spies. However, again if you will study the FBI's operations, you will note that Mr. Hoover regularly reports on the FBI to the committees of Congress. Each year he presents testimony concerning requested appropriations. Likewise, FBI's investigative work is subject to scrutiny in the courts of our land. Here, on the witness stand, the FBI's Special Agents tell of their investigative work. In addition, the free press, radio and television of this country are constantly alert to the FBI's operations. To state that the FBI operates secretly is obviously based on lack of knowledge.

As for the third point, namely, that the FBI is unresponsive to public criticism, I can only say that Mr. Hoover's record as reflected in his almost 36 years as Director is proof of the error of your thinking. Mr. Hoover has served under Presidents of both political parties, and under Attorneys General of different personalities. Each has testified to the FBI's competence. You need only read the pages of the American press to see that the FBI has been criticized time after time. Mr. Hoover does not dodge criticism. In fact, he welcomes constructive criticism--criticism designed to improve the work of the FBI. This is an essential factor in the operation of a governmental agency in a democratic society. Mr. Hoover realizes that the moment a Government official is immune to criticism, that agency disintegrates.

I hope these thoughts--based on very deep convictions on my part--will be of assistance in enlightening you to the true operations of the FBI. I think you will now agree with me that your theme topic is certainly not a good one for the minds of our young people.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to the President of the University of California.

Sincerely yours,

V
Martin McKneally
National Commander

AMERICAN LEGION

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April 12, 1960

Mr. Francis W. ~~Judkins~~
President
The American Legion Press Association
1202 Harrison Street
Syracuse 10, New York

Dear Mr. Judkins:

Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach has informed me of the announcement made by you before The American Legion Public Relations Commission at its Symposium on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 1960, in connection with extending to me your annual award. I am deeply honored by your interest in this connection and hasten to assure you that any awards I receive reflect the sincerity and devotion practiced by FBI employees in their daily tasks.

As Mr. DeLoach explained, it will not be possible for me to accept the award at the annual banquet of The American Legion Press Association due to the necessity of other commitments of long standing in Miami during my brief trip there. I will, however, be pleased to accept the award in the event arrangements can be made to extend it shortly prior to or following my address before your Convention. In the event you agree, perhaps arrangements can be worked out in this regard.

Again, my deepest thanks at being selected for your award.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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May 4, 1960

MR. MOHR:

~~AMERICAN LEGION-RESOLUTION~~
~~FEDERAL CRIME COMMISSION~~

I thought you would be interested in knowing that
The American Legion has passed a unanimous resolution to
put pressure on Congress to not favor a Federal Crime
Commission. In other words, the way is now paved for
Legionnaires individually and officially to put pressure on Congress
to take no action on a clearing house for crime or a Federal
Crime Commission.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 5-6-60.

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES- NATIONAL

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As you know, SA Hanning and I attended the spring meeting of The American Legion commissions and National Executive Committee. I am listing below a few of the high lights which I thought you might be interested in:

- (1) The Americanism Commission passed a strong resolution opposing legislation concerning a National Crime Commission. This resolution called upon the National Commander to voice to both houses of Congress through his legislative representative the Legion's strong opposition to any such legislation.
- (2) The Chemical Warfare Veterans are purchasing 400 copies of "Masters of Deceit" for distribution and study.
- (3) The Department of California advised that they earmarked \$10,000 for the purchase of anticommunist books for distribution where they will do the most good, and the greater portion of this \$10,000 will go toward purchasing "Masters of Deceit."
- (4) [redacted] an alternate National Executive Committee man and also a member of the Americanism Commission from Reno, Nevada, requested 500 copies of the Director's article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," which he intends to distribute throughout the state. These are being sent to him.
- (5) On Tuesday, May 3, I spoke before the members of the Americanism Commission at their request. I gave them a brief informal rundown on the communist menace, expressed appreciation for their resolution concerning a National Crime Commission which they had just passed and gave them the background concerning legislation on this matter. Again by request, I spoke along the same lines before the National Executive Committee on Wednesday, May 5.

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- (6) The fact that the Director will be the keynote speaker at The American Legion national convention on October 18 in Miami, Florida, has generated great interest in the convention and was the subject matter of many complimentary remarks made to me. Due in large part to the Director's anticipated appearance, at least 8,000 delegates representing 4 million members of the Legion and its auxiliary are expected. This would be a record turnout.

Hanning, who sat in on all of the Americanism meetings, advised that representatives of various departments frequently mentioned the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and it would appear that the Legion is really pushing it as a textbook and reference book, and it has become almost the accepted "Bible" of the Legion as far as anticommunism study and action is concerned.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

National Public Relations Division

NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TELLS
LEGIONNAIRES THAT "STRENGTH ALONE WILL PRESERVE
THE PEACE AND FREEDOM." CANCELS OFFICIAL VISIT
TO SOVIET RUSSIA.

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1960 . . . National Commander Martin B.

McKneally, Newburgh, N. Y., informed the approximately three million members of the official Legion stand on the current Summit Conference; differences between the two largest powers in the world. Commander McKneally said today:

"The apparent abrupt ending of the Summit Conference at Paris serves to make clear the issue facing the people of the world, i. e., the irreconcilable conflict between freedom and imperialistic designs and the objectives of Communism. It throws into bold and in some wise welcome relief the fundamental problem of our day, so perfectly personalized by Mr. Khrushchev, menacing and imperialistic, and President Eisenhower, conciliatory and idealistic.

"The least this dramatic episode does is to bring the people up out of the Limbo in which they have been living, wherein they have believed that Soviet objectives were altered and that friendly co-existence is possible. It has brought them face to face with the brutal facts of life.

"The President is to be commended for his endeavors to confer and thereby preserve the peace; he is to be admired for his courage in facing into the conflict. Now is the time for unified political thinking and action, for we have an enemy, . . . an enemy who considers himself free to spy and yet not to reveal, . . . an enemy which will yield only to strength.

Strength alone will preserve the peace and freedom. Any considerations for a visitation by your National Commander to the Soviet Union are ended. Where the President of the United States is not welcome, no American should design to go.

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 13, 1960

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: THE DIRECTOR'S SPEECH ENGAGEMENTS
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS
OF POLICE (IACP), WASHINGTON, D. C.,
10-3-60 AND AMERICAN LEGION ADDRESS,
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As you know, the Director has agreed to address the IACP in Washington, D. C., and the American Legion at Miami Beach, both addresses scheduled in October, 1960.

We have already started working on these speeches and will submit an outline on both addresses to you by the deadline date of June 27, 1960. We have already contacted all the other Divisions in the Bureau soliciting their suggestions and ideas for appropriate material to be used in the addresses. Their ideas and suggestions will be returned to us in time (5/17 - IACP; 5/19 - Legion) to enable us to submit drafts of these speeches by the deadline date.

Although complete details of the National Academy luncheon have not yet been worked out, the Director undoubtedly will be invited to make brief remarks to the assembled graduates. In anticipation of this future event we are also preparing a short speech which the Director might want to consider for use upon this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Mohr

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LEGION NEWS IN A NUT SHELL

The annual spring meeting of The American Legion's National Executive Committee got under way May 4 in Indianapolis with a note of optimism and encouragement as National Commander Martin B. McKneally announced that, as of May 3, Legion enrollment for 1960 was over the 2½-million mark, some 18,000 ahead of 1959's, blistering pace on the same date.

Focusing its attention on the national security and foreign policy of the United States, the National Executive Committee of The American Legion called for resumption of development and production of the B-70 type of Mach 3 manned aircraft, demanded a "get-tough" policy on the part of the United States in dealing with the hostile and irresponsible international dealings of the Castro government in Cuba, and urged this nation to reaffirm the Monroe Doctrine to broaden its scope to recognize that Communist infiltration is a type of aggression.

The National Executive Committee of The American Legion has authorized the establishment of a permanent Subcommittee on the Problems of the Aged and Aging, a joint subcommittee of the National Rehabilitation and Economic Commissions.

Declaring that "crime is essentially a local problem to be dealt with at the local level" the National Executive Committee has put The American Legion on record in opposition to any legislation which would set up a National Crime Commission because federal control of such a commission would usurp the rights of states and local communities and would be one more step toward a centralized government with a nationalized police force.

Three checks totaling \$55,000 for child welfare and rehabilitation have been presented to The American Legion by the American Legion Auxiliary.

With the addition of three new national convention sites to the already existing list, American Legionnaires can start making plans for attending the annual conclaves as follows: Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 15-20, 1960; Denver, Colo., 1961; Detroit, Mich., 1962; New Orleans, La., 1963; Dallas, Tex., 1964; and Las Vegas, Nev., 1965.

By action of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, Corydon T. Hill of Los Angeles, Calif., has been named national vice-commander to fill the vacancy created by the death of Charles C. McGonegal.

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MASTERS OF DECEIT

by J. Edgar Hoover

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May 9, 1960

Gardnerville, Nevada

BOOK REPORT

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Author : J. Edgar Hoover

Publisher : Henry Holt and Company - 1958
Cardinal Giant Edition - 1959

John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, since 1924, grew up in Washington and was graduated from Central High School in 1913, valedictorian of his class. He then studied law at night at George Washington University, while working in the daytime at the Library of Congress. He graduated in 1917 and in the latter years he entered the United States Department of Justice.

Hoover was appointed assistant director of the Bureau of Investigation in 1921, and served until he took over the directorship in 1924. At that time the bureau was a "sloppy, demoralized" agency. Mr. Hoover soon converted it into one of the most efficient law enforcement agencies in the world. He began his reorganization by weeding out the incompetents and replacing them with qualified agents. Politics was eschewed and every appointee had to be of unimpeachable character. New departments were set up, and new scientific methods of crime detection were introduced.

Under Mr. Hoover's direction, many of the most notorious criminals in the history of the country have been killed or captured. The list includes John Dillinger, Pretty Bob Floyd, and Baby Face Nelson, all killers.

Probably no better tribute to Mr. Hoover's popularity with the American public can be cited than the fact that at least fifteen colleges and universities have awarded him honorary degrees, while his list of medals and awards is too numerous to mention.

SUBJECT MATTER

How did communism begin? What is communism in the United States? How is life in the party? What is the communist strategy? How should we fight communism? All of these questions are answered in J. Edgar Hoover's Masters of Deceit.

Karl Mark and Fredrich Engels teamed together in 1842 and began formulating the original communist doctrines. Their plans were combined into the Communist Manifesto. Following them, Lenin carried the principles to Russia and after years of working, led the revolution to overthrow the czar. The leader of the Bolsheviks, at Lenin's death, became Joseph Stalin. From 1924 until 1953, he was the dictator, comrade, and hero. Suddenly, after his death, all concerning him was denounced and Stalin was no longer considered a hero.

Communism began in the United States at a meeting of the Socialist Party in 1919, in Chicago. Many party splits occurred but finally the Communist Party, USA emerged. It then began working toward eventual world communism by employing underground Party apparatus and the above-ground apparatus of the Workers Party. Party membership is broken into general areas; "open" party members, concealed members, supporters or fellow travel-

ers and sympathizers, opportunists, and dupes. Claiming that the Party is liberal, progressive, works for social reform, believes in democracy, and that members are loyal Americans, new members are gained every day.

There are many reasons why people become communists and just as many reasons force them to break with communism. Among these reasons for breaking are the inability to live a normal life, discrepancy between Party practices and claims, communist opposition to religion, fear of the FBI, fear of personal safety, and fear of not being received as a loyal American.

Organizational structure is like a pyramid with the national headquarters at the top followed by the various commissions, special organizations and front groups. The bottom level includes district organizations and various county, city, section, and club setups. When a member joins he must still be constantly indoctrinated. First, he goes back to school, is given home work, and required to buy and read party literature. Even art or sculpture must be evaluated according to Party principle. All these processes of education are supplemented by party discipline, a discipline that enforces uniformity and ensures Party supremacy. All members are urged to spy on comrades and report their findings to the leaders. However, it is not a wise practice to report a comrade who is in a higher position than the reporter.

The communists have worked for many years to perfect their strategy and tactics. The media of mass agitation involves campaigns concerning court cases, pilgrimages, encampments,

picket lines, and rallies. Infiltration is the second method whereby Party members move into other organizations so they may exercise influence for communism. Front organizations are set up to collect money, sponsor rallies, and issue literature. At a point of weakness, minority groups are infiltrated and offered enticing aids to champion their causes. The underground is responsible for most of the sabotage and espionage. All of these actions help to weaken the foundation of our democracy.

I believe the most important part of the book concerns what we can do to counteract communism. These actions are part of our duty to our country: (1) Make sure we do not permit the communists to fool us into becoming innocent victims, (2) Help by spotting, exposing, or opposing communist efforts to infiltrate organizations, and (3) Help to expose and prevent attempts at espionage, sabotage, and other types of subversive activity. We must, as responsible citizens, fight against the five special areas of communism: ideological study, youth training, action, positive vocabulary, and faith. They have no basis for the claims they make. By careful help and action, we WILL continue to live in the greatest, freest, country in any civilization!

EVALUATION

For all serious citizens, Masters of Deceit is a necessity. It clarifies communism and the very real threat it is to our society. Through example and definition, Mr. Hoover incites action among Americans to fight the menace. For the survival of freedom, I urge every American to read this book and join with me to help combat the communist effort.

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"Masters of Deceit"

May 23, 1960

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Written by J. Edgar Hoover

Copyright by the author in 1958

A Cardinal Giant Publication

This book is about what and how the Communist Party is attempting to bring America to its knees. It is the story of Communism in America and how to fight it. I feel that the book was written to inform the American public rather than entertain them. I also feel that Mr. Hoover has succeeded in expressing his view points on the subject, as well as compiling a great deal of facts and figures to support his statements.

This type of book is very hard to report on, so I will attempt to make my analysis in the following manner. The book is written in seven parts. I will list all seven and remark on each.

1. Who is your enemy? How do you know that your next door neighbor is not your greatest enemy? You don't. In this part of his book J. Edgar Hoover has pointed out that the Communists are very sly and unique in their maneuvers. But then again he states that you yourself could be a mortal danger to your country. If you as Mr. Citizen sit back and let the trend move in without any opposition it will prove to be no one's fault but your own if you are forced to live under a dictatorship. It is the so-called American citizens who sit on their innumerate bones and cast remarks every which way who will be to blame.

2. How Communism began. Most of us know that the principle of communism is not new. But, it is the modern "science of Marxism-Leninism" that is the threat to our society. Marx proclaimed, that communism represented the new "synthesis" of the capitalist-proletariat struggle and the apex of all history. At this point, said Marx, conflict would now cease, although again, he does not

say why.. This new world would be the "perfect" and "final" society: stateless, classless, godless, where all property used in production would be held in common and human activities would conform to the principle "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs." This what the modern communist society is hoping to achieve.

3. The Communist appeal in the United States. The Party's objective is to drive a wedge, however slight, into as many minds as possible. That is why, in every conceivable way, communists try to poison our thinking about the issues of the day: social reforms, peace, politics, veterans', womens', and youth problems. The more people they can influence, the stronger they will be. The communist appeal in the United States is any way in which the party members can sway an American to his way of thinking.

4. Life in the Party. Life in the Party is very strenuous and tiring. You are on the go all the time. You may live in your home with your family, but you are always on the alert and have to be ready to reply to any sort of doings. There are party meetings that have to be attended and your salary has to be used to pay for secret missions of your comrades. Your life is everybodys' except your own in the communist party. Of course if you happen to be up in the rank of the Party you can draw a salary and live very comfortable. It is the people that are very trust-worthy that are appointed to these positions.

5. The communist trojan horse in action. The Communist Party USA, is a weapon of attack, not only for the day of revelution but for now. To each party leader every day is a day of preparation and dress rehearsal for the day when they hop to come to power. The success of the communist mission depends on capturing the enemy's strong-hold from within. Like the Trojan Horse the communists have to be ready and able to move whenever the time presents itself.

6. The communist underground. The underground works very silently and effectively. The people who work in the underground are completely changed. Their identification is switched, their birthmarks are removed, and they gain

or lose weight.. Leadership of the may groups arranges the secret meetings.. Plans all of the party's movements for the next week.. The work of th party is very precise. Every movement is noted and executed with caution.

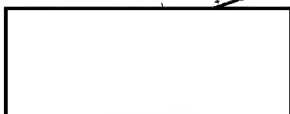
7. Conclusion. In the conclusion the author talks about the outlook of communists' on religion.. The Communists speak of the inconsistencies of Christians. They say that as long as there is a communist state that the attempt to over throw the democracy in the would will continue. In the 1st part of the book Mr. Hoover as summerized the doings of the communist party and has made a plea to the American people to stand on their own two feet and fight this aggressor.

It is a very good book, and I would recommend it to anyone wishing to learn how to combat this aggressive trend.

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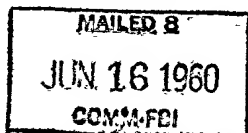
Your letter of June 2, 1960, to Mr. Donald G. Hanning has been referred to me. I am enclosing for your information copies of the letters which I have written to the two high school students who submitted winning reviews of "Masters of Deceit."

I am most appreciative of your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


J. Edgar Hoover

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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June 2, 1960

Mr. Donald Hanning
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Don:

In our conversation in Indianapolis it was suggested that the review of Mr. Hoovers book "Masters of Deceit" as written by high school students should be sent to Mr. Hoover and that he might want to write a personal letter to each of the winners.

As an experiment only two high schools were asked to have the review written by members of the Civics or English classes. It was very successful even though one of the winning reviews is very poor. We succeeded in getting many students and many teachers and parents to read the book and ask for more.

The letters should be written to the winners in each school.

[redacted], Gardnerville, Nevada

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I am sending each of these students a \$25.00 government bond.

Thank you for your encouragement and your promise to carry through in this matter.

Hope your boy has fully recovered from his accident and that all is normal in your nice family again.

Sincerely yours,

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Book Banner Won't Bother To Read 'Em

United Press International.

CLIFTON, N. J., June 9.—
 An American Legion official,
 seeking to ban three novels
 from general circulation in
 Clifton libraries, conceded
 last night he has not read any
 of the books.

Edmund Lyons, head of the
 National American Legion's
 youth and Americanism pro-
 gram, said he based his ob-
 jections to the books on the
 opinion of J. Edgar Hoover,
 director of the Federal Bureau
 of Investigation, "that litera-
 ture can have a bad effect on
 persons."

The books are Vladimir
 Nabakov's "Invitation to a Be-
 liever," D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's
 Lover," and Grace Metalious's
 "Peyton Place." Mr. Lyons, a
 former member of the Clifton
 Board of Education, is pro-
 testing a decision by the city's
 Board of Library Trustees to
 circulate the books on library
 open shelves.

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RE: AMERICAN LEGION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 14, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: AMERICANISM NATIONAL COMMITTEE
AMERICAN LEGION - National

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The attached news clipping from the New York World Telegram, 6-9-60 edition, reflects that head of the American Legion's National Committee on Americanism, is involved in the New Jersey area in a controversy over the placing of such books as "Lolita," "Lady Chatterley's Lover," and "Peyton Place" on the open shelves in public libraries. According to the clipping, he bases his objections on the opinion of Mr. Hoover to the extent that literature can have a bad effect on persons.

On Monday, June 13, ASAC of the Newark Office called and referred the request of for copies of the Director's public statements concerning obscene literature. desired this material in connection with his appearance as a representative of the American Legion at a meeting on Thursday, June 16, of the library board at Nutley, New Jersey concerning this same matter of the placement of such books in the libraries. was opposing the change in policy of placing such books on the open shelves in contrast to the previous policy of keeping these books on shelves restricted to adults only.

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It appears that has become very enthusiastic and at the same time naive in this campaign, and that this matter borders on the controversial topic of book censorship. the head of the Legion's Americanism program and a good friend, appears to put himself out on a limb at this time. We certainly do not want to become a part of anything which can be construed as any form of censorship.

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However, the statements of the Director on obscene literature are public information and have been widely disseminated in newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Accordingly, it is felt that we should furnish through the Newark Office to copies of the Director's public announcements concerning obscene literature with the specific instructions that these statements are not to be used by in any manner which would affiliate the FBI with censorship, place the FBI in a position of giving an opinion concerning the operation of libraries, or in any manner embarrass the Director or the FBI.

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Enclosures (2)

(See RECOMMENDATION next page)

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DeLoach to Mohr Memo/June 14, 1960

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached airtel be sent to Newark, forwarding copies of the Director's public statements concerning obscene literature which can be furnished to who is ^{Acting} head of the National Americanism Committee of the American Legion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-14-60

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CHAIRMAN OF COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES, COMMITTEE OF AMERICANISM
COMMISSION OF AMERICAN LEGION
RENO, NEVADA

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By letter 6-2-60, captioned individual wrote Special Agent Donald G. Hanning of the Crime Records Division and enclosed two reviews of "Masters of Deceit." These reviews were written by winners in contests sponsored in two Nevada high schools. [REDACTED] suggested that the Director might wish to write a personal letter to each of the winners.

[REDACTED] Bufiles reflect no identifiable information on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the two winners. [REDACTED] has, of course, been most helpful and cooperative with the Bureau. It is felt that the Director may wish to write letters to these high school students who have written the prize-winning reviews. [REDACTED] would, of course, be furnished copies of the letters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letters to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] be sent.

2. That the attached letter to [REDACTED] enclosing copies of the letters sent to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] be sent.

Enclosures *sent 6-16-60*

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June 16, 1960

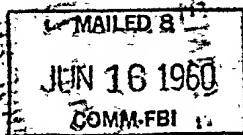
Dear [redacted]

Your prize-winning review of my book "Masters of Deceit" has been referred to me by [redacted] of The American Legion. I have read your report with great interest and I feel that you have presented the topic in an excellent manner. *National*

As you pointed out, communism is a very real threat to our society. Under communist rule our cherished freedom under law would be replaced by a ruthless tyranny. As American citizens we must always be alert to the dangers of this atheistic evil.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo captioned "Chairman of Counter-Subversive Activities, Committee of Americanism, Commission of American Legion, Reno, Nevada," dated 6-14-60.

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Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] of The American Legion has furnished me your prize-winning review of my book "Masters of Deceit." May I commend you for an excellent paper which certainly reflects serious study on your part.

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Communism is today a great danger to our American way of life. The communists desire to destroy our democratic government and establish a dictatorship. Only by an informed public opinion can we hope to destroy this atheistic menace.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo captioned [Redacted] Chairman of Counter-Subversive Activities, Committee of Americanism, Commission of American Legion, Reno, Nevada, dated 6-14-60.

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June 24, 1960

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V. L. H.
Mrs. Alexander H. Gray
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Gray:

Your letter of June 17, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

It would certainly be a pleasure to meet my Girls Nation counterpart, and I do wish it were possible to do so. Regrettably, previously scheduled commitments will conflict with such plans; however, I have arranged for one of my representatives to meet with the young lady and to answer any questions she may have concerning the operation of my office. We, of course, will appreciate having the exact details regarding this matter as soon as they are available.

We are looking forward to the opportunity of having this young lady as our guest, and I will be pleased to arrange for a special tour of our facilities for her, if this is desired.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Ingram - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Jones - Enclosure
- 1 - Telephone Room - Enclosure
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NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach Memo of 6-23-60 captioned "American Legion Auxiliary, Girls Nation Counterpart, Request To See Director, 7-22-60."

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON BRANCH
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

June 17

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
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Mr. 960 Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

We are now completing plans for 1960 Girls Nation, the annual youth citizenship training program to be held again in Washington under American Legion Auxiliary auspices, July 17 to 23.

I am enclosing a fact sheet and an abbreviated copy of the program we have planned. Early in this program our Girls Nation citizens will elect and appoint, from their number, officials to administer the miniature government that they have established. In this Administration there will be an office comparable to your own. It then becomes the individual challenge of the girl who holds this position to learn as much as possible about the primary functions of her job.

This year we have been able to set apart a time on our program specifically for the purpose of having each girl meet her counterpart in government and to visit the actual setting in which the responsibilities of that office are carried out.

On Friday morning, July 22, immediately following the girls' briefing at The White House (which should break at approximately ten o'clock), your young protege would like to pay an official courtesy call upon you. Could you receive her for a few minutes at approximately 10:30 a.m.? If you would not be able to do this, can you designate a personal representative who could receive her in your stead, perhaps show her your office and answer her questions about its operation?

I would appreciate at your earliest convenience confirmation of whichever appointment may be possible and, if it cannot be with you personally, the name and office number of the person for whom our Junior Miss should ask when she comes to pay her call.

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Advance detail for the Girls Nation program is being coordinated by Mr. Layton K. Hurst of this office. Please feel free to consult him if you should wish to discuss this matter in greater detail. His office will be able to supply yours with advance background information about your Girls Nation counterpart following the Girls Nation election on July 19.

Thank you for the helpful contribution which your office has made to this unique youth program in the past, and for any help you can give your protege this year in making this an exciting "living experience" in the processes of American government.

Sincerely,

Vara V. Gray

MRS. ALEXANDER H. GRAY
National President

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: July 18, 1966

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A5930-5933, Congressman Gubser, (R) California, submitted a speech he gave before the United Veterans Council in San Jose, California, on Memorial Day entitled "The Communist Conspiracy." Mr. Gubser stated "In his speech to the 1957 national convention of the American Legion, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, said 'To dismiss lightly the existence of the subversive threat in the United States is to deliberately commit national suicide. In some quarters we are surely doing just that.'" Mr. Gubser went on to state "Another of the major Communist objectives is to nullify all anti-Communist legislation. On January 16, 1958, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, testified that 49 of the top 108 Communists convicted by Federal juries under the Smith Act have been set free by Supreme Court decisions.

----- And the last Communist objective which I will discuss is muzzling the FBI and congressional investigations. For years the Communist Party has poured out its most hysterical language against what the Reds call the gestapo-like FBI."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Friday July 15, 1960 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Original filed in: 66-1731-1859

THE AMERICAN LEGION

1608 K STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Memorandum to: C. D. DeLoach:

DATE 11 Aug. 1960

Dear Deke:

Not that I am getting gunshy, but this thing annoys me since the [redacted] incident; I ran into Ivanov again. Yesterday at ten minutes to two as I returned to the office from my apartment, Ivanov was coming up 16th as I strolled down. Nothing would do but he stopped and exchanged some alledged banter with me. He asked if I would tell him what the "Goovenors" Press Club ball was about. I explained it was our way, committeemen and club officers of honoring the Board of Govenors each year.

But if anyone was observing it must have seemed as though I was his next of kin. He slaps me on the shoulder etc. etc. I'm not loath to give him the brush, and have had certain training in this. If you feel that is the thing to do I will, tell him off good and proper. Sever my diplomatic relations in other words.

Regards: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 8-10-60

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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As I have previously advised you, the Department of the Navy has invited five top officials of The American Legion to be guests of the Navy on a week-end cruise aboard the aircraft carrier USS Randolph during the period August 19-21. The five Legion guests will report to the Naval Air Station at Anacostia on the morning of Friday, August 19, and from there will be flown to the carrier which will be at sea. Return will be by the same manner on Sunday afternoon, August 21.

Officials of The American Legion have extended an invitation to me to be one of the five guests of the Navy on this occasion. While this is something I would very much like to do, the current pressure and volume of work in my office will not permit me to indicate acceptance. However, in furtherance of our already well-established liaison with The American Legion as well as the Department of the Navy, I think a Bureau representative should go in my stead. SA Hanning, who has assisted me over the years in American Legion liaison matters, is well-known to the other officials of The American Legion who will make up this party, and I would like to recommend that approval be given for him to go in my stead.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Hanning be designated to represent me for this occasion.

1 - Mr. Jones (Room 4236)
 Attention: Mr. Hanning

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 4, INDIANA

MRS. ALEXANDER H. GRAY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

August 15, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 28, and the copies of your speeches and articles on Communism. I am vitally interested in reading your authoritative material on this subject and I certainly appreciate your taking time to send it to me.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of our Organization, for your great contribution to the success of our Seminar on Democracy vs. Communism at Portales, New Mexico. We are quite encouraged by the response to this workshop and we hope we have kindled the spark for similar workshops throughout the nation.

I join the millions of American citizens in saying thank you to you for your unceasing efforts for our welfare. May you have God's blessings always.

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Sincerely,

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MRS. ALEXANDER H. GRAY
National President - AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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Mr. E. Perry Brown
1215 American National Bank Building
Beaumont, Texas

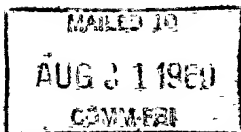
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Dear Mr. Brown: P-514

I have received your letter of August 22, 1960, cordially inviting me to appear at a luncheon on October 15, 1960, at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami Beach, Florida.

While this is something I would certainly like to do, the date of my arrival in Miami in connection with my appearance at your Convention on October 13, 1960, is still uncertain, and, consequently, I will be unable to accept your invitation. Please convey my regrets to your associates, and I would like to extend my wishes for a very enjoyable luncheon meeting.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

1215 American Natl Bank Bldg
Beaumont, Texas
August 22, 1960

Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Malone ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
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Mr. Ingram ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Dear Chief:

This is to ask you to join a number of fine, devoted Americans at a luncheon to be given on Saturday, October 15, 1960 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hotel Fountainebleau in Miami Beach. It is the day before the opening of the National Convention of The American Legion. NATIONAL

This is the result of repeated suggestions on the part of many people who are deeply concerned about the adequacy of our National Security program. This luncheon will in no way conflict with the numerous meetings of the National Security Commission which are being held several days prior to the Convention.

We have asked one of America's outstanding military leaders to present his ideas--and he has some great ones. After the presentation, it is planned to have a frank and open discussion of the subject. It is hoped that out of this will come a renewal of our faith in our American way of life and a suggestion of measures to perpetuate it.

I trust this time will be convenient and you will be able to join us.

Anxiously awaiting a reply and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

S. Perry Brown
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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[Redacted]
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 906
Key West, Florida

Dear Mr. Esquinaldo:

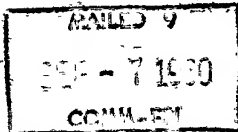
I have received your letter of August 31, 1960, with enclosures, relative to Commander Martin B. McKneally of The American Legion, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

This Bureau has never investigated Commander McKneally; therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [Redacted] His reference to being a Judge is being ignored in the salutation inasmuch as the Directory of American Judges and the Alabama, Florida and Georgia Legal Directory fail to disclose his name.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

P. O. BOX 908

KEY WEST, FLORIDA

August 31, 1960.

Hon. Edgar J. Hoover,
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief:

I feel somewhat silly to apprise you of some matter which your organization must surely have under surveillance, but, as an American, a Judge, attorney-at-law, veteran, legionnaire and forty and eighter, I find that non-action on the part of the individual and the general attitude that "the F.B.I. knows", or "someone else will do the job" has permitted undesirable elements to infiltrate our ranks without opposition, and permits them to use offices of prestige in our country to create confusion and animosity in our midst, weakening our strength and solidarity as Americans and setting us up for the "kill".

Enclosed herewith you will find pages 1, 2 and 3 of the Forty and Eight News Magazine which I respectfully request you read and draw your own conclusion as to the seriousness of the matter. This racism conflict brought about in the Legion by one man, our American Legion National Commander Martin B. McKneally, is destroying the American Legion which has been the back-bone of our nation for a number of years.

Please, furnish me with ammunition (facts about Commander McKneally's back-ground, ties, and ulterior motives, if any) so that I may start with Florida legionnaires and follow through nationally to prevent irreparable damage to the Legion and repair whatever damage has been done so far.

My request is very important, Chief, so please, don't pass over it lightly. It is very odd that a high school student from the Commander's area refused a Legion Medal Award stating he had lost respect for the Legion.

Yours truly,

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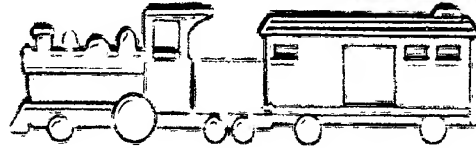
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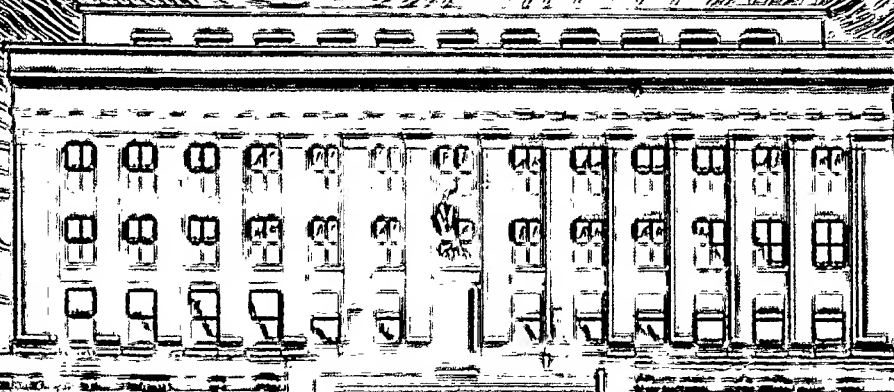
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THE FORTY AND EIGHTER



The News Magazine of La Société des
Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

AUGUST, 1960



WHY?

Your attention is invited to The American Legion News Service immediate release, dated July 22, 1960, which appears elsewhere in this issue, wherein the National Commander "states that granting of a permit to hold a parade on Friday, October 21, 1960 (one day after the adjournment of The American Legion Convention in Miami Beach) would be offensive to The American Legion."

This statement is not only offensive to the Forty and Eight but an insult to approximately 90,000 loyal Legionnaires who comprise Forty and Eight membership.

The white male clause appearing in the constitution of the Forty and Eight was put there on October 21, 1921, at the New Orleans Promenade Nationale and has not been rescinded by any action of The American Legion to date, in spite of an opinion of a few individual members of the Constitution Amendments Committee of The American Legion at Minneapolis, Minnesota, last August, and of the Judge Advocate of The American Legion before the National Executive Committee at its October, 1959, meeting declaring our constitutional provision null and void without any legal grounds other than the desire of a few individuals to rid The American Legion of this "offensive" group of Legionnaires who had banded themselves in an organization to do all in their power to further the interests of The American Legion.

This is the organization that has brought into The American Legion in excess of 700,000 members per

"... offensive to The American Legion"

Statement of the National Commander released by American Legion News Service

WASHINGTON (ALNS)—National Commander Martin B. McKneally of The American Legion has issued the following statement concerning the denial of a parade permit to the Forty and Eight by the City of Miami Beach:

"The 42nd National Convention of The American Legion is scheduled to be held in Miami Beach on October 15 to 20. It was learned recently that the Forty and Eight organization had applied to the City Council of Miami Beach for a permit to hold a parade in that city on Friday, October 21. I explained to Mr. Morris N. Lipp, the city manager of Miami Beach, that the granting of such a permit would be offensive to The American Legion. This is so because the identification of the Forty and Eight with The American Legion would thereby be achieved and a misunderstanding of the relationship which exists between The American Legion and the Forty and Eight organization would be created in the mind of the public.

"The Forty and Eight organization has done nothing to rid itself of the illegality in its Constitution whereby its membership is restricted to members of the white race. The American Legion cannot permit itself to be associated with such illegality. I explained further to Mr. Lipp that while The American Legion will neither dictate to nor bring pressure upon local authorities in connection with its Convention, it would, however, be necessary to move the Convention from the City of Miami Beach if the permission were granted to the Forty and Eight.

"In a later phone call, Mr. Lipp informed me that the permission had been denied.

"This statement is issued in an effort to clarify reports which have already been published concerning the matter."

year for the past 15 years. This is the organization that has contributed in excess of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of providing relief to children of veterans in their own homes, and to assist in the admin-

istration of the Child Welfare Division of The American Legion, to create which it furnished the funds back in 1925, during the administration of National Commander James Drain.



Why is the Forty and Eight offensive to today's national leadership of The American Legion, after having been so warmly welcomed and so useful to The American Legion for so many years? Why has the word "white" suddenly become a Legion-splitting issue after having been in the Forty and Eight's constitution since 1921?

Why is The American Legion making such a demand that the Forty and Eight erase its "color line" when the vast majority of American Legion Posts are composed of members of one color only? Why should the Forty and Eight be forced to attempt the social mixing of the races when other great American organizations, including The American Legion, are not hazarding the attempt?

And why does American Legion leadership want the Forty and Eight to lie about its membership policy by removing the word "white" but permitting local Voitures to refuse membership to colored applicants? Why shouldn't the Forty and Eight be honest about its policy? Why doesn't The American Legion desegregate its own Posts before it starts in on another organization?

Why is The American Legion's strength many thousands below its membership strength of last year?

Why does the Legion leadership keep insisting that the Forty and Eight is "illegal" when it is perfectly legal for a private organization to select its members on any basis it sees fit?

And why in these days of grave national danger should American Legionnaires be quarrelling among themselves instead of directing all efforts toward safeguarding America?

There must be answers to all of these questions, and for the good of the Legion, of La Societe, and of America, let's hope these answers are speedily forthcoming.

City of Miami Welcomes Promenade Nationale

*Parade permit refusal moves Promenade
from Beach area to Downtown Miami*

Plans for the Promenade Nationale have all been changed.

Now the Promenade will be held in the city of Miami. Sessions will take place in the beautiful Municipal Auditorium of the city of Miami. Voiture Nationale Headquarters will be in the Everglades Hotel. Committee meetings will be held in the Everglades Hotel.

The dates are the same—Thursday, October 20; Friday, October 21; and Saturday, October 22.

And there will be a parade! The march will step off in the city of Miami at eight o'clock the night of Friday, October 21.

The parade was the reason for all this change. The American Legion told Miami Beach that there must be no Forty and Eight parade, even if the Voyageurs didn't march until the Legion's National Convention was over. In fact, the National Commander told the city fathers of Miami Beach that if the Forty and Eight were granted a parade permit The American Legion would hold its convention elsewhere. So La Societe's request

for a parade permit was turned down.

At first it was thought that the Promenade Nationale could be held in Bal Harbor, a community just outside of Miami Beach where the Promenade Nationale hotel was located. However, the city of Miami seemed to offer more adequate facilities and seemed happy to have the Forty and Eight, so the Promenade Nationale was moved from out on the ocean beach to downtown Miami.

The big Miami hotels will have welcome signs out for Voyageurs Militaire, and will offer rates that will mean important savings for Voyageurs and Legionnaires who stay there. Those attending the National Convention of The American Legion, October 15 to 20, in Miami Beach, can enjoy the economy of the Miami hotels and get out to the Beach swiftly across the causeways. The city of Miami, of course, has fine eating places, top entertainment and everything else to assure the comfort and pleasure of visitors.

Registration for the Promenade Nationale will open in the Ever-

glades Hotel on Wednesday morning, October 19, and will continue all day. That night at nine o'clock the Cheminots Nationaux 1960 will assemble in the Everglades for their pre-Promenade session.

The next morning, Thursday, October 20, committee meetings will begin, with meeting of the committees on Permanent Organization, Credentials and Rules and Order scheduled to meet in the Everglades at ten o'clock.

That afternoon at three o'clock, Chef de Chemin de Fer John M. Hobble will swing his gavel in the Municipal Auditorium and the 41st Promenade Nationale will be in session. And what a session it promises to be! Across the bay in Miami Beach, the National Convention of The American Legion will be reaching adjournment after having, it is predicted, considered and acted upon the question of American Legion-Forty and Eight relations. So this question undoubtedly will be the big issue before the Promenade Nationale.

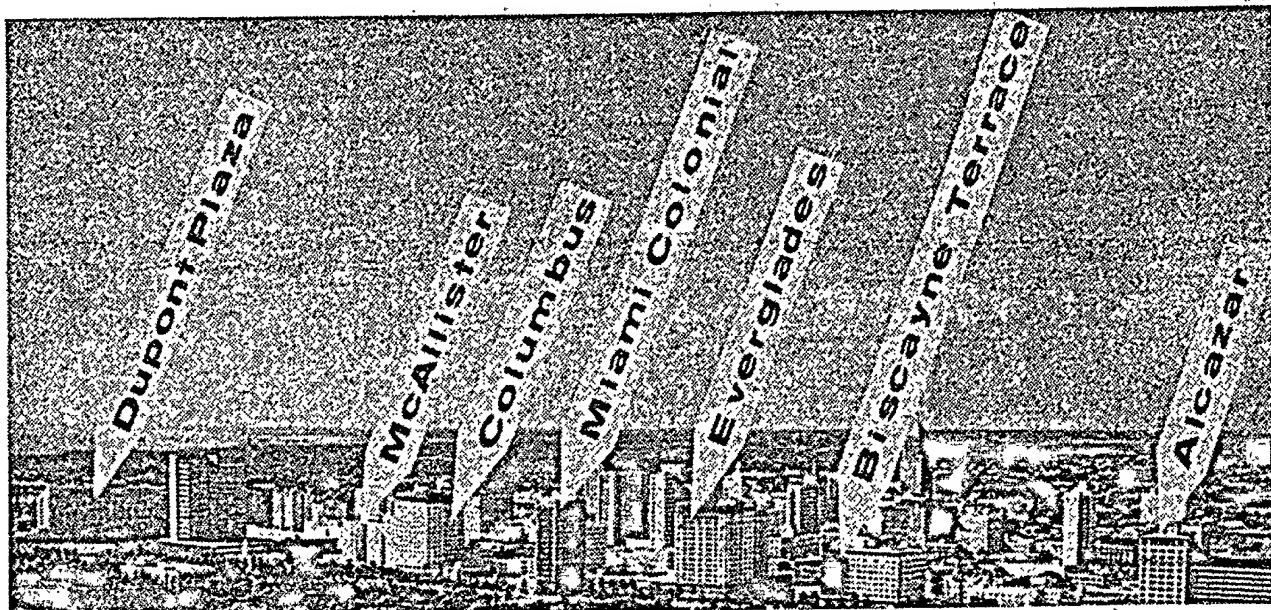
The Voyageurs assembled in the



CHECKING OVER THE PLANS—Chef de Chemin de Fer John Hobble (center) goes over plans for the Promenade Nationale with Conducteur National Harry Swan (right), and Sous Conducteur National Roy DuSan during a meeting in Miami where the Promenade will be held, October 20, 21 and 22.

Miami Auditorium that Friday afternoon will hear greetings from the Mayor of Miami, Robert King

High; from the Democratic nominee for Governor of Florida, Farris Bryant; from John Lochrie, De-



PROMENADE NATIONALE HOTELS—You are looking at the Miami sky-line and the big hotels along Biscayne Boulevard where Voyageurs will live during the Promenade Nationale in October. Voiture Nationale headquarters will be in the Everglades.

Los Angeles, California
August 23, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In line with my previous note to you today, I am enclosing a copy of the release made by the American Legion News Service in connection with your talk before the American Legion in October.

NATIONAL
It was from this release that Jack A. Douglas took his material on Sunday night's broadcast over KMPC.

I thought you would be interested to know that Mervyn Leroy spent two hours with the Vice President on August 16, 1960, and he seemed to be very pleased at the outcome of his interview. Within the last few days Leroy has been elected to the Board of Regents of Loyola University, and he also is very much pleased about this.

He is planning to go to Hawaii on September 10, 1960, to film a picture for Columbia in which Frank Sinatra and Spencer Tracy will star. The picture is titled, "Devil at Four O'Clock."

In speaking to Special Agent John M. Cashel today, Leroy commented that he was sorry that he missed Mr. Tolson's call last week, and that he was going to try to contact you tonight.

You also may be interested to know that he indicated Mrs. Leroy is ill with a sinus infection.

Enclosed also are items appearing in the "Burbank Daily Review" based on your expose of Russian espionage in the United States. I have talked to Warden Woolard, Editor of the "Los Angeles Examiner," concerning the possibility of a series of articles based on the material which you published in May, and I will follow this.

Also, I am enclosing another item of possible interest concerning the death penalty.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Mr. Parsons _____ ()
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Mr. Rosen _____ ()
Mr. Tamm _____ ()
Mr. Trotter _____ ()
Mr. W. C. Sullivan _____ ()
Mr. Ingram _____ ()
Miss Gandy _____ ()

See Me _____ ()
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For Your Recommendation _____ ()
What are the facts? _____ ()
Remarks:

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to 2/26/60
to*

ALNS

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS SERVICE

National Headquarters
P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.
Phone MElrose 5-8411

Washington Office
1608 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Phone EXecutive 3-4814



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

8-12-69
[Signature]

INDIANAPOLIS --- (ALNS) --- J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will address the joint opening session of the 42nd National Convention of The American Legion and Auxiliary on Oct. 18 in Miami Beach, Fla.

In announcing the FBI chief's acceptance to "keynote" the 1960 conclave, National Commander Martin B. McKneally stated, "Mr. Hoover's message to the 2,700,000 Legionnaires and 1,000,000 members of the Auxiliary will be a timely one for all Americans.

"Forty-three years of devoted service to the well-being of his country and his fellow man have earned for Mr. Hoover the admiration and respect of the American people. He has proved himself to be a staunch defender of the institutions we Americans hold most sacred. His opposition to the godless tyranny of communism is well known to all free men the world over," Commander McKneally declared.

Hoover observed his 36th anniversary at the helm of the FBI on May 10 this year. He was appointed director of the bureau in 1924, following the reorganization of the Department of Justice. He entered the department in 1917, shortly after he received his LL.M. degree from George Washington University Law School, and in 1919, he was named special assistant to the Attorney General.

During his tenure of service in the FBI, he has personally directed and supervised the more important cases coming under its investigative jurisdiction, including some 150 different types of federal offenses. Under Hoover's direction, every single development of the work in the FBI has been along cooperative lines designed to further enhance the effectiveness of local law enforcement agencies which, he believes, can be developed into the best possible form of national policing.

Hoover's great contribution to the American way of life has not gone unrecognized. He has received 18 honorary degrees since 1935 from outstanding national colleges and universities plus 74 public recognitions of service, including The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal, presented in 1946.

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September 26, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been advised by National Commander Martin McKneally that you plan to attend the American Legion's national convention at Miami Beach next month.

We shall be most happy to welcome you to Greater Miami and want to do everything we can to make your visit a pleasant one. I would appreciate it if you would let us know the exact date, time and place of your arrival (airline and flight number, if by air) in order that representatives of our committee may meet you, provide transportation to your hotel if desired, and present you with your convention packet and credentials. Also, please let us know if there will be others with you so we can make sure our transportation facilities are adequate.

Our headquarters will be located in Room 484, Towers Section, Fontainebleau Hotel. We hope you will feel free to make it your headquarters. If we can be of any assistance in providing transportation to the various meetings you expect to attend, or in any other manner, please call on us.

Either I, or our Vice Chairman, Paul Greenaway, expect to be in the committee headquarters at all times. We look forward to seeing you.

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Sincerely,

94-1-17998
OCT 5 1960

McGregor Smith, Chairman

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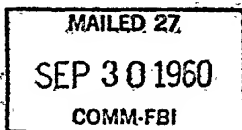
Mr. McGregor Smith
Chairman
Distinguished Guests Committee
The American Legion
1960 Convention Corporation of Florida
Post Office Box I-3100
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Smith:

I want to thank you for your kind letter of September 26, 1960, concerning the forthcoming American Legion national convention. I deeply appreciate your offer to be of service to me at that time; however, all necessary arrangements relative to my Miami Beach trip have been completed.

It was thoughtful of you to write as you did, and I am looking forward to the convention with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information re Smith, and we have had cordial correspondence with him on a limited basis. American Legion National Commander McKneally is on the Special Correspondents' List. The Director will address the convention on October 18, 1960.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATT: CRIME RECORDS)

FROM : JPH SAC, NEW YORK (94-1238)

DATE: 9/30/60

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - AMERICAN LEGION
BOYS AND GIRLS COLORING POSTER

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Mohr	
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Miss Gandy	

During a contact with [REDACTED] Americanism Chairman of the Nassau County American Legion, he produced a letter, the Photostat of which is attached concerning the Boys and Girls Coloring Poster received by him from the Seaford Post.

This letter is being forwarded to the Bureau for informational purposes.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2)
1 - New York (94-1238)

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any comment you may have concerning
her suggestions you may have to
to the children and families of

greatly interested in obtaining all
as regards consideration for
in the Division, County or State.
se in detail of all the programs of
considered in this respect and when
to be submitted.

appreciate your early reply to my
address, 3571 Verona Place, Seaford,
615).

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth T. Dunkle
Adjutant

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10-13-60

77 RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC MIAMI

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE AMERICAN LEGION, OCTOBER ONE EIGHT SIXTY, MIAMI BEACH, DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS. TWO SEPARATE SHIPMENTS OF COPIES OF DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS BEING FORWARDED YOUR OFFICE TODAY ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DE LOACH. HE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MATERIAL.

RADIO

OCT 13 1960
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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1 - Mr. DeLoach

NOTE: 500 press copies being sent airmail special delivery this morning. 500 additional copies being sent airmail this afternoon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 12, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS BEFORE
THE AMERICAN LEGION, - NATIONAL
OCTOBER 18, 1960, MIAMI, FLORIDA
RADIO AND TV COVERAGE

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Attached is proposed SAC Letter concerning the Director's
 address.

It is noted that National Broadcasting Company (NBC) has tentatively planned to carry the speech live over its network; however, they still may desire to use what they consider prime time which would be at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time the evening of October 18, 1960. SAC Letter points out this, plus the fact a Kinescope will be made by NBC and Columbia Broadcasting System and excerpts shown on the night of October 18.

It is noted Miami is on Eastern Standard Time.

RECOMMENDATION :

That the attached SAC Letter be forwarded.

This SAC Letter should be sent SPECIAL and SHOULD NOT WAIT
 FOR THE REGULAR SAC LETTER.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Ingram

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The Solicitor General

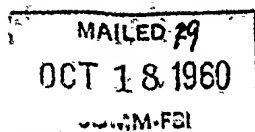
October 18, 1960

Director, FBI

ADDRESS BEFORE NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - D-77-1-L
OCTOBER 18, 1960

I am enclosing a copy of my address before
the National Convention of The American Legion at noon
today which I thought you would like to have.

Enclosure



NOTE: Separate ~~letter~~ same date to the Attorney General and
Deputy Attorney See Jones to DeLoach memo dated
10-11-60 captioned "Director's Speech, National Convention,
The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, October 18, 1960."

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The Attorney General

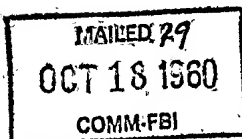
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Director, FBI

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**ADDRESS BEFORE NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
OCTOBER 18, 1960**

I thought you would like to have the enclosed
copy of my address before the National Convention of The
American Legion at Miami Beach at noon today.

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NOTE: Separate ~~letter~~ same date to Deputy Attorney Walsh and
Solicitor General Rankin. See Jones to DeLoach memo dated
10-11-60 captioned "Director's Speech, National Convention,
The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, October 18, 1960."

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Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

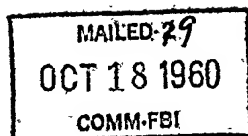
October 18, 1960

Director, FBI

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**ADDRESS BEFORE NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
OCTOBER 18, 1960**

Enclosed is a copy of my address before the
National Convention of The American Legion at Miami Beach
at noon today. I thought you would be interested in having a
copy of my remarks.

Enclosure



94-1-17898-1462
NOTE: Separate letters same date to the Attorney General and
Solicitor General Rankin. See Jones to DeLoach memo dated
10-11-60 captioned "Director's Speech, National Convention,
The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, October 18, 1960" ET 19 1960

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 18, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: ADDRESS BY DIRECTOR *NATIONAL*
THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA, 10-18-60

Wick talked this morning with [] with NBC in Washington. [] advises that from a television standpoint, the NBC Network expects to excerpt portions of the Director's as well as Vice President Nixon's and Senator Kennedy's appearance at the Convention today. All of this kinescope will be flown to Washington, and about 4:00 p.m. this afternoon NBC may be able to let us know here what portions of the Director's address will be used on Channel 4 (television) news program at 11:00 p.m. today.

As you know, NBC at Miami is supplying the Director's address live by radio to its clients throughout the country. Local stations may or may not, at their own option, cut in on the live broadcast.

Tornabene said WRC Radio just simply cannot carry the address this afternoon (approximately 1:10 p.m. Washington time) but hopes to cover all three addresses by excerpted kinescope shots on their news programs.

NBC may be able to clear time to carry the Director's address on tape by radio at 8:05 p.m. today. This will be on WRC which is 980 on the AM dial.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Malone
- 1 - Mr. McGuire
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Tamm
- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Morrell

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-11-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S SPEECH
NATIONAL CONVENTION
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 18, 1960

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The Director's forthcoming speech before captioned national gathering will be a hard-hitting and vigorous presentation of true Americanism. The forthright manner in which the Director speaks out against the evils of crime and communism, which threaten American society, mark this address as among the Director's best. It is particularly timely in view of the fears and tensions gripping many segments of our populace today.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Copies of this address be distributed to those on the special mailing list immediately following its delivery.

(2) Copies of the Director's speech be transmitted by separate letter to the Attorney General, to Deputy Attorney General Walsh and to Solicitor General Rankin the same day as the speech is delivered.

(3) Copies of the Director's speech be transmitted to all Assistant Directors, Inspectors and SAC's on the day of delivery.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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CRIME RESEARCH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *amb*

DATE: September 20, 1960

FROM : DIVISION STREAMLINING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION NUMBER 138-61

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Training and Inspection Division has requested comments of Domestic Intelligence Division (DID) regarding enclosed suggestion of SA Joseph F. Smith of San Francisco that American Legion Amateur Radio Network members be used to aid in identification of subversives handling short wave radio equipment which could be converted to clandestine use. It is noted Smith's suggestion is based on information that such a Network exists in the State of California.

With his suggestion, Smith enclosed copy of letter from San Francisco to Bureau of 9-8-60 entitled "CLANDESTINE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, POTENTIAL OPERATORS, ESPIONAGE." This letter sets forth substantially the same suggestion made by Smith on the enclosed suggestion form. The letter observes that the American Legion Radio Network would appear to be a nationwide program. Accordingly, the letter requested Indianapolis, which covers American Legion National Headquarters, to send any information in its possession concerning this program to the Bureau to assist in making a decision as to whether or not the Bureau can make use of the program in investigations of clandestine radio communications. Indianapolis has not responded.

In view of the fact that no information is available that this Network is functioning other than in the State of California, the DID is not in position to comment on the desirability of adopting the suggestion of SA Smith pending the receipt of additional details from Indianapolis. However, Training and Inspection Division might desire that Mr. DeLoach, through his contacts with National Headquarters of the American Legion, obtain details about American Legion Radio Network.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the enclosed suggestion be forwarded to the Training and Inspection Division so that it may consider obtaining the necessary details through Mr. DeLoach's contacts.

JMF:sap:bas (7) Enclosure

1 - DeLoach

1 - Training and Inspection Division (Suggestion Desk)

1 - Belmont

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1 - W. D. Stewart

1 - Liaison

1 - Fitzgerald

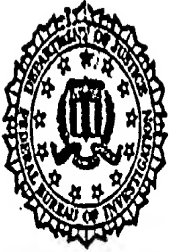
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Suggest idea be turned down. View of fact only 3 Legion Depts. have this network plan on a very small scale. It would not be practical or efficient.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PERSONAL ATTENTION
SAC INTER NO. 60-48

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 13, 1960

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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(A) DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE AMERICAN LEGION - OCTOBER 18, 1960 - MIAMI, FLORIDA -- For your information, I will address The American Legion Convention at Miami, Florida, on October 18, 1960. The National Broadcasting Company has made tentative plans to carry the speech live over its network at 12:10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. If it is not carried at that time, it will be carried at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the evening of October 18, 1960.

For your further information, National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are planning to make a Kinescope of my address and excerpts of it will be shown on the evening of October 18, 1960.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 10-10-60

FROM : J. F. Malone

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION#138-61
 SUBMITTED BY SA JOSEPH F. SMITH
 SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

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SUGGESTIONS: That the American Legion Amateur Radio Network members be used to aid in the identification of subversives handling short-wave radio equipment which could be converted to a clandestine use. SA Smith's suggestion was based on information that such a network exists in the State of California.

CURRENT PRACTICE: The Bureau presently has only contacts with established sources on individual basis.

ADVANTAGES: SA Smith pointed out that it would provide nationwide coverage through a reliable group with a minimum of expenditure. It would also broaden the existing coverage. He stated an additional advantage would be the encouragement of the long-standing policy of the American Legion of cooperating with the FBI.

CONCLUSIONS: The 9/6/60 issue of the "California Legionnaire," the official publication of the American Legion in California, reported that the California Department Amateur Radio Commission had met in San Francisco during August and was engaged in a campaign to increase interest in enrollment in the American Legion Radio Network; that the existing network handles heavy message traffic. It was reported that they also plan to encourage active or inactive amateurs who are Legionnaires to participate. The Department Commander had urged the Commissioners to report on the activities to advance amateur radio at Area and District meetings and to encourage closer cooperation with civil defense and disaster relief organizations. The Commission also suggested that individual posts establish or sponsor amateur radio clubs. Based on this article, SA Smith stated that it would appear this is a nationwide program and that the Bureau may desire to consider whether or not such a setup would be helpful to the FBI on a nationwide basis in its investigation of clandestine radio communications.

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Memo to Mr. Mohr
Re: Suggestion #138-61

Mr. DeLoach does not feel that this idea is practical since only three Legion Departments have this plan in preliminary stages. If adopted, we will receive a great volume of information which might appear suspicious to the individual intercepting the message because of his personal inability to understand it; however, in reality, it may be two young amateurs engaging in play. The Bureau, having no jurisdiction in message transmission, would only refer these messages to the Federal Communications Commission as we are not in a position to monitor airwaves. Based on past experience, it is not felt that any valuable information would be obtained through this source as it is not a practice of a sender of clandestine messages to provide his call letters. The recipient of a clandestine message would know in advance the time, date, and frequency of the expected transmission; therefore, unless call letters were mentioned, the location of the sender or of the intended recipient would be unknown and could not be intercepted by FCC monitoring facilities unless FCC had some advance indication of the time, date and frequency message would be transmitted. In such cases, FCC still could not identify the recipient in the U. S. For these reasons, it is not felt that any further action is necessary on this suggestion.

RECOMMENDATION: That no further action be taken with regard to this matter. Upon approval, no further action is necessary since SA Smith has previously been thanked by letter from the Director for making this suggestion.

OK
JPM
JPM

#138-61

Date

9/8/60

To: Director, FBI

From: (Suggestor's name)
JOSEPH F. SMITH

Division of Assignment
SAN FRANCISCO

SUGGESTION

It is suggested that the American Legion Amateur Radio Network members be used to aid in the identification of subversives handling short-wave radio equipment which could be converted to a clandestine use. (See attached page.)

Current practice or rule (Include manual citation as well as facts)

Current practice or rule is contact with established sources on individual basis.

Advantages of suggestion and annual savings (include basis for estimate)

Advantages - it would provide nationwide coverage through a reliable group with a minimum of expenditure. It would also broaden existing coverage. An additional advantage would be the encouragement of the long standing policy of the American Legion of cooperating with the Bureau.

Disadvantages of suggestion

Disadvantages of suggestion is possible publicity given to the scope of some of the Bureau's security interests.

(The use by the United States of my suggestion shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature by me, my heirs, or assigns upon the United States)

☒ Mr.

☐ Mrs.

☐ Miss

Joseph F. Smith Special Agent
Signature and Title of Suggestor

Recommendations and comments of Division Head

Sounds reasonable -- worth considering in the absence of any special factors not known here.

(Do not write in this space - for Bureau use only)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58776)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-5919)

CLANDESTINE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS,
POTENTIAL OPERATORS
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It would appear that this is a nationwide program and Indianapolis may already be in possession of some additional information regarding the program. If they are, it is requested that information concerning it be sent to the Bureau so that they can make a decision as to whether or not such a set up would be helpful to the Bureau on a nationwide basis in its investigation of clandestine radio communications. It is felt that if the program appears desirable, arrangements can be worked out with the National Headquarters of the American Legion and a uniform program adopted throughout the country.

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October 20, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your telegram of October 18, 1960, concerning my remarks at the American Legion Convention. It is a pleasure to forward the enclosed copy of my address in response to your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 10
OCT 28 1960
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Enclosure
Director's Speech

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [Redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 18 1960

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WESTERN UNION

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
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Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

[Signature]

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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

I HEARTILY ENDORSE EVERY WORD YOU SPOKE IN FLORIDA AT THE AMERICAN
NATIONAL
LEGION CONVENTION AND WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE A COPY SENT

TO [REDACTED]

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18 OCT 24 1960

cc - Mr DeLoach
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74-1-17998-1466

October 24, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

In accordance with your request, I am
pleased to enclose a copy of my speech before The
American Legion Convention on October 18, 1960, at
Miami Beach, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OCT 24 1960
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NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memorandum dated 10-21-60
entitled "Requests For Copies of Director's Speech Before
The American Legion." CBF:dkp Address per telephone
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American Legion - National
FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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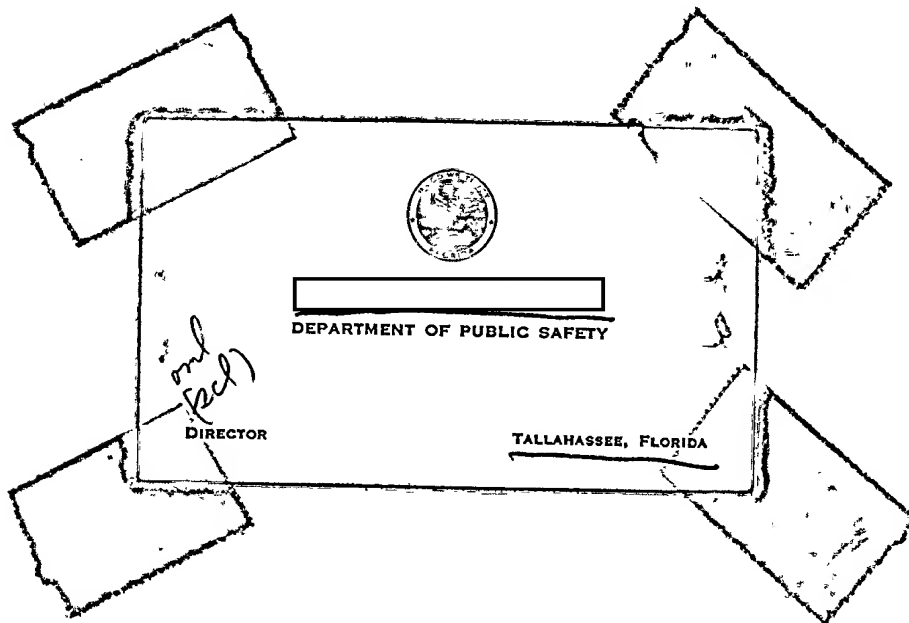
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For Your Recommendation _____ ()
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Remarks:

*Send copy
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Legion Speech*

*see 94-37746
Memo to DeLoach
10-21-60
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*Letter to:
Burgess - mail
Kleinman - mail
Williams - mail
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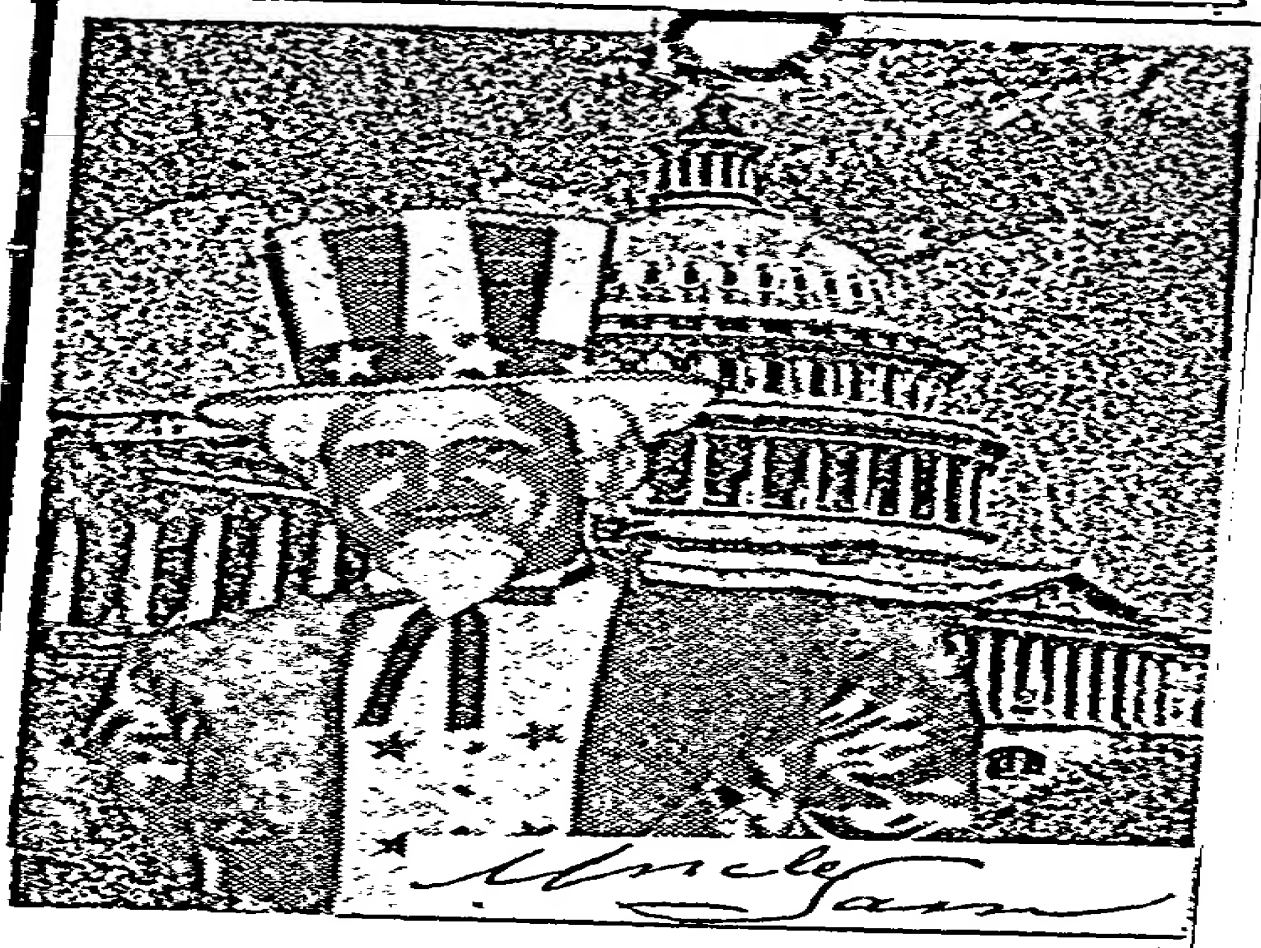
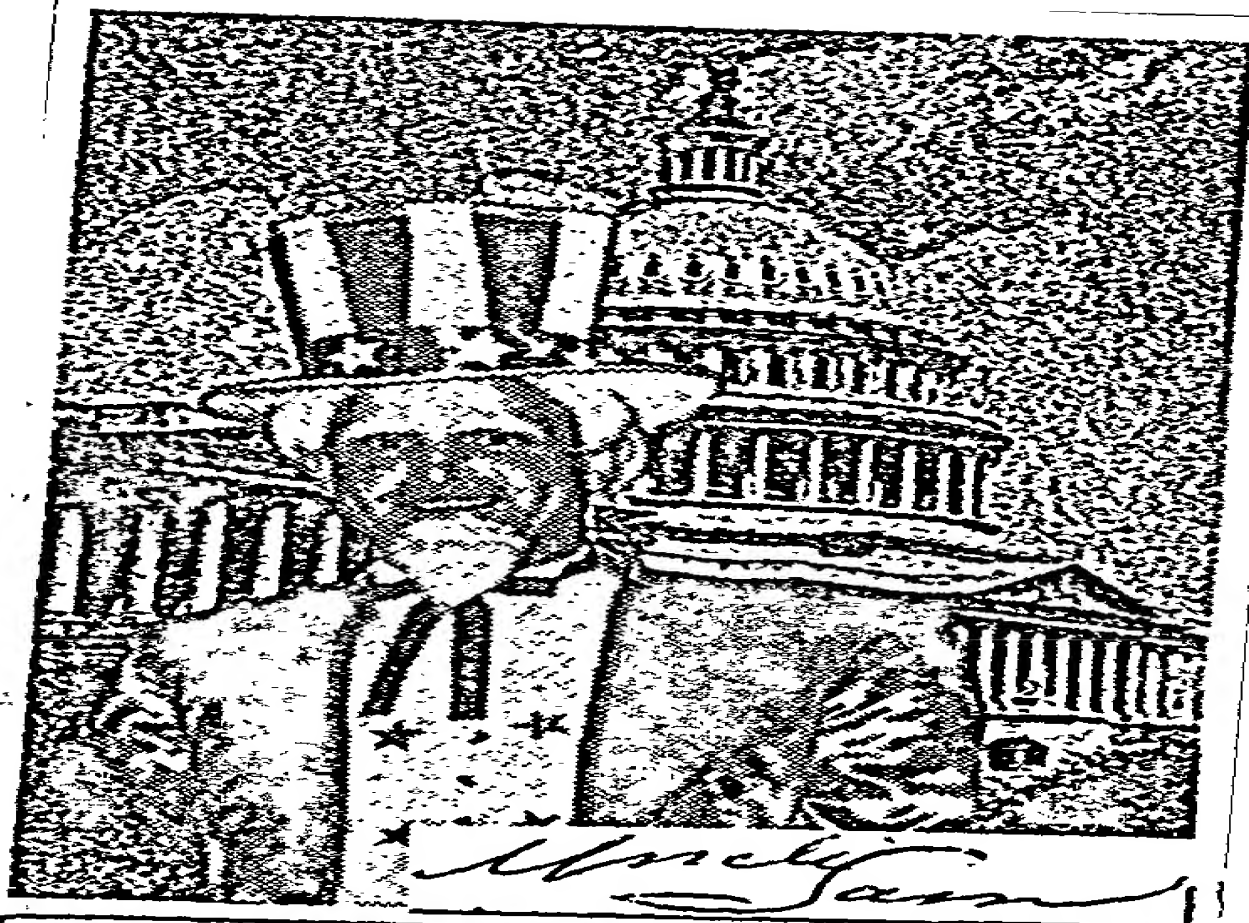


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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

Wm. Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

Madison, Wisconsin

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

October 24, 1960

PERSONAL

Director of Sales
Carillon Hotel
6801 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

American Legion-National

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Dear [redacted]

I greatly appreciate the many courtesies you extended to my associates who had the pleasure of staying at your hotel and want to take this opportunity to send you a personal note of thanks. The services provided were outstanding, and especially noteworthy was the efficient manner in which our mail was handled. Your efforts greatly assisted the FBI during our stay in Miami Beach, and you can be sure all of us are indeed grateful.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 31
OCT 24 1960
COMM-FBI

1 - Miami

NOTE: No information was located in Bufiles which would preclude sending this letter.

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October 24, 1960

PERSONAL

Mr. James V. Day
Director, Public Relations
Washington Office
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Wash. DC. 7-10-17

National

Dear Mr. Day:

I want you to know that I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the National Convention of The American Legion in Miami Beach. I particularly want to express my personal appreciation for the many courtesies extended by The American Legion which made my stay most comfortable and the entire event memorable.

You certainly deserve high praise for your contribution to the outstanding success of the Convention. Your efforts show the splendid loyalty characteristic of the leadership of your organization. Mr. DeLoach has told me of your physical condition, and I think it remarkable that you have borne up so well under the burden of your many responsibilities. I do hope that now the Convention is over you can relax and recover good health.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Miami

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: James V. Day is on Special Correspondents' List.

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OCT 28 1960

October 24, 1960

PERSONAL

Honorable William R. Burke
National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Mr. Burke:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon your election as National Commander of The American Legion at the recent Annual Convention at Miami Beach.

Certainly, you may take deep pride in this honor afforded you by your associates, and it is indicative of the high esteem and respect in which you are held by them. I know you are looking forward to serving in this important assignment, and I want you to feel free to call on us if there is anything we can do to be of assistance.

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With kind personal regards

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Burke replaces Honorable Martin B. McKneally as National Commander and was elected on 10-20-60. Burke is being added to the Special Correspondents' List. Burke is from Los Angeles, California, and has his own public relations firm there.

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Springs Steak House
One Westward Drive
Miami Springs, Florida

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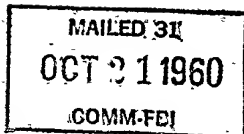
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Dear [redacted]

It was exceedingly thoughtful of you and your staff to send the telegram yesterday concerning my address before the Annual Convention of The American Legion.

Communications such as yours are most encouraging, and I am pleased that my remarks met with your approval. Your kindness is indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Miami

NOTE: The telegram was sent to the Director in Miami and was from "Springs Steak House, Miami Springs, Florida." The current telephone directory reflects that the proprietor of this establishment is [redacted] and it is located at One Westward Drive, Miami Springs. Bufiles reflect no information to preclude this letter. Assistant Director DeLoach called re this telegram on evening of 10-18.

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THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL SPEECH=

SPRINGS STEAK HOUSE MIAMI SPRINGS.

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URGENT 10-19-60

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 191927

DIRECTORS ADDRESS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN LEGION, OCTOBER 18, 1960, MIAMI, FLORIDA. RE SAC LET 60-48. IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT ADDRESS BY THE DIRECTOR WAS NOT SCHEDULED FOR BROADCAST IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA BY NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY AFFILIATE STATION. AS A RESULT OF CONTACT WITH SAC CONTACT [REDACTED], GENERAL MANAGER, RADIO STATION WDSU, DIRECTORS SPEECH WAS RECORDED AND THEN WAS BROADCAST LOCALLY IN ITS ENTIRETY OVER RADIO STATION WDSU AT 7:05 PM OCTOBER 18, 1960. AS A RESULT OF THIS BROADCAST SEVERAL TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 19 REQUESTING COPIES OF INSTANT ADDRESS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF 50 COPIES OF THIS ADDRESS WERE FORWARDED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

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EX-102

25 OCT 24 1960

CRIME RESEARCH

53 OCT 27 1960

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-21-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF DIRECTOR'S SPEECH
BEFORE THE AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

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We have received from the Director business cards from 4 individuals, accompanied by the Director's note, "Send copy of American Legion Speech. H." The 4 individuals named on the cards are: Attorney Ramon D. Bagatsing, Congressman, Third District of Manila, Suite 209, Martinez Building, 378 Dasmarinas, Manila; Ph. L. J. L. Colonel H. N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, Florida; Commander J. K. Williams, Harvey W. Seeds Post Number 29, The American Legion, 66th Street and Biscayne Bay, Miami 38, Florida; and [redacted]

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Accordingly, attached are letters to these individuals enclosing a copy of the Director's speech, excepting Colonel H. N. Kirkman, who is on the Special Correspondents' List and has already received a copy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters be approved and forwarded.

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October 25, 1960

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Dear [redacted]:

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write on

October 18 concerning my address to the national convention
of The American Legion. I sent a copy of the speech to you
in the belief you would be interested in reading the entire text.

Thank you for your generous comments and strong support.

MAILED 10

OCT 25 1960

COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List.
Copies of the Director's address were mailed to all on the Special
Correspondents' List on 10-18-60.

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m. j. [signature]

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Dear Mr. Hoover, -

Congratulations upon your stirring address this evening, to the American Legion!

I wish we could have more addresses of this character to arouse citizens of their responsibility to God and country -

The copies of your very fine addresses are greatly enjoyed and deeply appreciated.

I visited Russia this past summer and learned much about the down trodden people there.

My kindest regards to you and best wishes,

Very sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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Very sincerely
[redacted]

October the eighteenth -

REC-71

October 25, 1960

94-1-17998-1476

Dr. William C. Cope
President
William C. Cope, Inc.
425 Ridgewood Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Cope:

I have received your letter of October 19,
1960, regarding the address I was privileged to make
before the National Convention of The American Legion, *National*
Miami Beach, Florida, on October 18, 1960, and the
thoughtfulness which prompted you to write is indeed
appreciated. Your generous remarks are most
encouraging, and I hope we will continue to merit
your support and confidence.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

NOTE: Cope is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Oct. 19, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your excellent address before the National Convention,
The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, October 18, 1960,
came to my desk today.

I hasten to compliment you in the highest upon such a
wonderful presentation.

It is timely, patriotic and encouraging. Your constructive
admonition and your creative solution for the preservation of our
American way of life and our freedoms bring to us great faith as to
our future. And, incidentally, I have quite a reputation for my con-
tinued opposition to crime.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wm. C. Cope

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ack 10-25-60
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WM. C. COPE, President
E. M. COPE, Vice President
J. C. PENCE, Sec'y. & Treas.

Oct. 19, 1960.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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